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KWANGSI TROOPS IN FULL CONTROL.

ADMINISTRATION PUT IN HANDS OF WANG SHAO-HUNG.

PROCLAMATION ISSUED.

With the arrival of Kwangsi troops in Canton, as reported by us yesterday, conditions in the city appear to be quiet at the moment. These troops are loyal to General Li Chai-sum, the Moderate leader, and pending his arrival the administration of civil and military affairs is being placed in the hands of General Wang Shao-hung.

The new rulers of Canton have issued a proclamation "comforting the people" and stating that all "unlawful elements" will be dealt with in due course.

One important development in connexion with the change-over is the flight of General Li Fuk-lum to Hongkong. He has for the past sixteen years managed to rule Honam Island, no matter who has been in power in Canton, but no doubt on account of issues arising out of the recent ousting of General Wang Shao-hung by the "Ironsides" he has now deemed it wise to leave Canton for the time-being. His future intentions are not known at the moment.

WHERE IS GENERAL LI CHAI-SUM?

Canton is now again in the report says he will revert to his hands of the Kuomintang Right old post.

Wang, or, to be more precise, of the "Kwangsi Clique" of the Kuomintang, the heads of which are Generals Li Chai-sum and Wang Shao-hung. Yesterday morning, large detachments of Kwangsi troops occupied the city without encountering any opposition with the "Ironsides," all of whom had evacuated the city for the East River some days previously.

The city is now quiet, and it is believed that there will be no immediate danger of fighting taking place either in Canton or its vicinity.

The administration of the city, pending the arrival of General Li Chai-sum, will be in the hands of General Wang Shao-hung. According to reliable reports, General Wang should have arrived at Canton from Fatsan either yesterday afternoon or early this morning.

General Wang in Charge.

In a telegram addressed to his subordinates, General Li Chai-sum declared that, pending his arrival, military and civil affairs should be placed in the hands of General Wang Shao-hung to whom General Li had assigned the task of exterminating the "Ironside" remnants in the various East River districts.

Hsu Ching-tang and Chan Cheung-po (the latter the military leader from Kowloon) arrived in Canton yesterday leading the Kwangsi troops into the city. Several other subordinates and followers of General Li Chai-sum, formerly holding high positions in the Canton Government, are also said to have made their appearance at Canton yesterday afternoon, following the arrival of the troops. The present headquarters of the Kwangsi forces is at the Kwangsi Whi Koon, while the troops are said to be stationed in the suburbs.

It is expected that the return to power of General Li Chai-sum will mean that the political trend in South China will again swing back to a moderate tendency. Tang Yin-wah, the former Canton Police Chief under Li Chai-sum's regime, has arrived in Canton. Tang, according to a vernacular report, will act as the Commander of the 5th Army, which was formerly under General Li Fuk-lum. Another

Where is Li Chai-sum?

Though it is thought that General Li Chai-sum will soon be in Canton city, his actual whereabouts are causing considerable conjecture. Some are of the opinion that he is in Hongkong while a Canton report declares that he still at Shanghai and that he will board the gunboat Chung Shan for Swatow, probably arriving at the latter port to-day.

Yesterday was a general holiday for all Government departments in Canton in celebration of the triumphant entry of the Kwangsi soldiers. A notification was issued yesterday by the Kwangsi military leaders now in Canton "comforting the people" and stating that the armies of Generals Wang Ki-cheung and Chang Fat-kwai, leaders of the "Ironsides," should be exterminated and that in the future the "Rightist" Government in Canton will see to it that such a task will be effectively carried out and all unlawful elements dealt with.

Li Fuk-lum Leaves.

General Li Fuk-lum, the man who was hailed by some as the soldier of the hour immediately after the "Reds" were driven out of Canton a few days ago, has now deemed it wise to leave for Hongkong.

For the past sixteen years, Li has been the undisputed ruler of Honam Island, where he has preserved peace and order. During those years there have occurred in Canton almost innumerable political coups, when tuchuns and Civil Governors were changed after holding office ranging in periods from a few days to three or four years, but Li Fuk-lum, the "watchman of Honam," always succeeded in remaining at his office by allying himself with the winning side.

General Li left Canton on Wednesday night when the news that the Kwangsi soldiers were arriving in great numbers reached Honam. He is now believed to be in Hongkong, but his destination is still unknown. One report declares that he will go up to the North to attend the fourth session of the Kuomintang Executive and Supervisory Committees Conference. But it is doubtful, in view of the recent dissension among the Kuomintang factions, whether the proposed Conference will be held.

CHIHLI HORRORS.

GHASTLY STORY OF CHOCHOW SIEGE.

SKELETONS TOTTER OUT.

The following graphic story was sent to the *Hankow Herald*, from Chochow, on December 5, by Mr. Ariel L. Vargies:

Yesterday afternoon, the Shansi commander in Chochow, without previous warning, released about 100 women and children, who were evacuated from the northeast gate. When the news was telephoned to headquarters it was too late to reach the spot and get a picture of the procession across no man's land.

However, the refugees brought word that to-day (Sunday) as many refugees would be released as the Chinese Swastika Society could accommodate. Only women, and children, up to the age of fifteen years, are allowed to leave. Boys older than fifteen have been pressed into service to assist the Shansi garrison to defend the wall. Two members of the Chinese Swastika Society crossed our lines with a flag to-day and arranged to evacuate 200 refugees, who were passed through the northeast gate, at 2.30 p.m.

Women's Eyes Bandaged.

The women left the city with bandages over their eyes. Once outside Chochow it was surprising how quickly their eye coverings were thrown off.

The plight of the refugees was pathetic. The mental agony depicted on their faces was expressive of long physical sufferings and shattered nerves. Mothers, with wan faces and sunken eyes, owing to weeks of exposure to peril and wolflike living conditions, clutched mere dolls of babies. Despite their bound feet they raced across no man's land, hugging infants to their breasts and in most instances pulling older children by the hand.

Truce During Rescue.

The Shansi troops respected the truce and their rifles were silent. I was in our front line and found the atmosphere pretty highly charged. All the Fengtien troops, about 150 yards from the gate, stood in readiness for anything, for the officers suspected this might be a ruse to cover the beginning of a big effort on the part of the garrison to escape.

Shortly after 2.30 p.m., we saw the gates open and the mob of refugees debouch, led by Kung Siang-jung and Hsia, bearing the Swastika flags. With Wong, my assistant, in Pekin, I was up against it for an interpreter, but I managed to find out what was going on from some of the Fengtien troops who know me well, and call me "Ta Pi Tze." I think that is the way you spell "Big Nose" in Wade's Chinese.

Once within the Ankuochun lines, women and children burst into tears of joy and more often hysteria. Northern soldiers in reserve only needed a friendly nod to run forward and relieve mothers of their children and to carry their few belongings to the end of their line, and so on until the back areas were reached.

The trek was towards safety over the first stone bridge on the old Imperial Peking Highway. Previous evacuations of Ankuochun wounded soldiers that very day had left a sinister trail of blood on the marble roadway.

Red Cross Directs.

Troops of Chang Tso-lin helped to soothe these miserable refugees during this fearful procession across the bridge, where fifty open carts were in readiness to transport them to a concentration camp. All this work was done by the Swastika Society, which corresponds to our Red Cross. No sooner had the last cart rumbled on its way than the bombardment of the city recommenced and the Shansi garrison again opened fire on our lines.

Snatch for Food.

The Swastika people had food ready for the refugees, and you should have seen the impatience of the poor folk, especially the kiddies, as they waited for the (Continued on Page 9.)

EUROPE'S CURRENCY POSITION.

FRANCE BUYS BIG GOLD SHIPMENT.

ITALY MIGHT FOLLOW.

New York, Dec. 29. Ten million dollars gold bullion have been shipped to France, destined, according to French newspapers, to the Banque de France in connexion with the forthcoming stabilisation of the franc.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Further Shipments.

New York, Dec. 29. Well-founded reports state that the \$10,000,000 gold shipment to France will be followed by two further shipments of a similar amount. The outflow of gold from the United States up to December 27th, had been \$63,808,000 and financial circles are closely paying attention to Europe's currency position. It is expected that the Bank of Italy will shortly attempt to purchase gold, and the opinion is expressed that such purchase will be made in New York in preference to London in view of the premium on sterling exchange.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Discount Rate Lowered.

Paris, Dec. 29. The Banque de France has reduced the discount rate from five per cent. to four per cent.—*Reuter.*

RESERVISTS REACH HOME.

A WEEK'S ROUGH PASSAGE.

London, Dec. 29. The last contingent of Class "A" reservists from China arrived at Southampton this afternoon aboard the transport *Somersetshire*, with the Headquarters of the 13th Infantry Brigade, the 1st Batt. Middlesex Regt. and the 1st Batt. Border Regiment. The vessel had a very rough passage during the last week and met heavy squalls in the Bay of Biscay. But the troops enjoyed a Christmas dinner and the children received gifts from a large Christmas Tree.—*Reuter.*

RELEASED FROM LEGION.

JOHN HARVEY LEAVES FOR HOME.

London, Dec. 29. John Harvey, the Englishman whose sentence of imprisonment for desertion from the French Foreign Legion was recently remitted by the French Government, was formally released from the Legion to-day. He had been excused from serving the remainder of his term of enlistment in the Legion. Harvey left at once for Cardiff, his home town.—*British Wireless.*

WAREHOUSE FIRE.

BIG NEW YORK BLAZE.

New York, Dec. 29. Fire has completely destroyed a big eight-storey warehouse on Broadway, despite the efforts of hundreds of firemen. The damage is estimated at \$300,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

H.M.S. RODNEY.

UNDERGOES STEAMING TRIALS.

London, Dec. 29. The New battleship *Rodney* left Plymouth to-day for 24 hours steaming trials in the English Channel.—*British Wireless.*

R.A.F. FLIGHT.

Cochin, Dec. 29. The four R.A.F. flying boats have arrived here from Mangalore.—*Reuter.*

CHINA OUTLOOK.

KUUKIANG COMMUNISTS EXECUTED.

DR. C. C. WU RESIGNS.

Kuukiang, Dec. 29. An extensive anti-"Red" campaign has been instituted by the Defence Commissioner, and in the past day or two a large number of Communists have been arrested and executed.—*Naval Wireless.*

Yang Sen and Nanking.

Ichang, Dec. 29. A representative of the Nationalist Government, arrived to-day from Nanking, and was for a long time in consultation with General Yang Sen. The Szechuan leader appears to have allied himself more definitely with the Nanking Government now than formerly.—*Naval Wireless.*

C. C. Wu Resigns.

Shanghai, Dec. 29. C. C. Wu has resigned.—*Reuter.*

Nationalist Appointment.

Shanghai, Dec. 29. The Finance Ministry has appointed Admiral Li Chai-sum to be Superintendent of Customs at Shanghai, in succession to Mr. Ho Chia-chu, who becomes Assistant Director of the Customs Administration at Nanking.—*Reuter.*

Chinese Leaving Russia.

Tokyo, Dec. 24. Chinese students sent to Russia for study by the Nationalist Government, apprehending their personal danger as a result of the recent incident in Canton, are leaving Moscow for home by the Siberian Railway by way of Japan. The first batch of Chinese students, 17 in number, arrived at Tauraga from Vladivostok yesterday on board the str. *Kagi Maru*. Among these are several girl students. Mr. Liu, one of the students, said: "We had been receiving an education on Russian lines at the Sun Yat-sen University in Moscow for a year, but the present unfavourable relations between Russia and China compelled us to withdraw from Moscow. I think many more Chinese students will return home. Madame Sung Ching-ling, wife of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and others have gone to Germany."—*Tokio.*

CLANSMEN FIGHT.

INJURED MAN SENT TO HOSPITAL.

At 2 o'clock this morning, the police received a message to the effect that a Chinese was badly cut and wounded as a result of a fight in a house in West Point. On arrival at West Point, the police found the house in question to be No. 99, Belcher Street, where a Chinese named Chan Ki-chun, an employee of the opium factory at Kennedy Town, was suffering from serious injury to his head. The wounds appeared to have been inflicted by a chopper.

In answer to questions, Chan stated that he had spent the evening with a clansman, and, as the result of a dispute which arose over some money matters, his clansman had struck him with a chopper. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. The police are looking for the assailant.

DANCING FOR SERVICE-MEN.

HAPPY GATHERING AT CITY HALL.

As a grand finale to the Christmas festivities organised by the "Cheer O", Y. M. C. A. for the entertainment of the Servicemen in the Colony, a dance was held in the City Hall last night, when a large number of soldiers and sailors spent a most enjoyable time.

The success of the function was mainly due to Mrs. F. C. Hall, who had charge of the decorating, Mrs. D. Templeton who supervised the refreshments, Etc. J. Proudfoot, of the K.O.S.B., who acted as M. C. and the Titania Melodians, who supplied the dance music.

The management of the Ladies' side of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee is in the hands of Mrs. E.D.C. Wolfe, who would be glad to hear from any ladies willing to offer their services.

INDIAN POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

ADVISOR HAN

ORGANISATION WANTED.

Bombay, Dec. 29. That the absence of an organised Moslem body, able to control the masses, is the reason of the failure of the efforts of the Viceroy and others to lay the foundation of mutual understanding and inter-communal peace, is the opinion of the Aga Khan, who, amid the Moslem League dispute, has issued a manifesto calling upon Moslem legislators to constitute a permanent Moslem governing body, to direct the community's political activity, to be in a position to speak authoritatively and enter into binding compacts not only with Hindus but also with the British Government, because "the British will be in India as long as we can see and cannot be spirited away merely by being ignored."—*Reuter.*

Hindus Protest.

Madras, Dec. 29. A special session of the Hindu Mahasabha, which is a body representative of a large section of Hindus, the aim of which is to organise the Hindus as a community, has passed a resolution in favour of boycotting the Commission, the appointment of which is characterised as a violation of the principal of self-determination and a studied insult to the country.—*Reuter.*

COTTON INDUSTRY'S PLIGHT.

LANCASHIRE LOSING HEAVILY.

London, Dec. 29. The parlous state of the Lancashire Cotton industry is forcibly illustrated by the statement issued by the Directors of all Lancashire mills spinning American cotton that the margins now show heavy losses before any interest or depreciation is charged. The Association's estimate on to-day's prices is that the trade is losing at the rate of £2,000,000.—*Reuter.*

UNEMPLOYMENT IN PALESTINE.

RELIEF FUND OPENED.

London, Dec. 29. Sir Alfred Mond is raising a fund of £20,000 for the relief of unemployed in Palestine. Mr. Bernhard Baron, millionaire tobacco magnate, has subscribed £5,000 towards the fund. A substantial sum has already been transmitted to Palestine by Sir Alfred Mond who himself contributed £1,000.—*British Wireless.*

SOVIET DISMISSALS.

RAKOVSKY AND KAMENEV RELIEVED.

Moscow, Dec. 29. The Soviet Executive Council has relieved of their posts M. Rakovsky, the Chairman of the Delegation for Franco-Soviet Negotiations; M. Preobrazhensky, a member of the Delegation; and also M. Kamenev, the plenipotentiary representative to Italy.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED.

A WELCOME DECREASE.

London, Dec. 29. The Minister of Labour announces that on December 19th the total number of unemployed in Great Britain was 1,099,900. This was 25,323 less than the week before and 49,811 less than a fortnight previously. It was 209,339 less than the year before.—*British Wireless.*

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BRITAIN FROZEN.

ARCTIC CONDITIONS WORSEN.

TWO FEET OF ICE ON CITY STREETS.

REAL HARDSHIPS.

London, Dec. 29. Arctic conditions of extraordinary severity have transformed Britain into a frozen desert. Heavy snowfalls have blocked the roads, interrupted telegraphs and telephones, swallowed up sheep and cattle, dislocated the food market and in many cases completely cut off food supplies. A number of main roads have been partially cleared by a prodigious effort but many have been re-blocked by heavy winds shifting the snowdrifts, which are often from 10 to 20 feet deep. The employment of heavy snowploughs has permitted traffic on the main railway lines but numerous branch lines have had to be abandoned as hopeless.

Canterbury's Plight.

There are appalling conditions at Canterbury which was submerged several feet by floods during the short thaw and which has now been re-visited by frost. The streets are encrusted with two feet of ice.

A fierce gale in the Channel has compelled the suspension of the cross-Channel services for four days. Fifteen-hundred travellers to England, including the French Ambassador, M. Fleuriat, are marooned indefinitely at Boulogne.—*Reuter.*

Real Hardships.

London, Dec. 29. The latest weather forecast affords hope that milder conditions will relieve the plight of the inhabitants of towns and villages which are still snowbound and in many of which real hardship is being endured owing to shortage of fuel and food supplies.

Reports from all quarters tell of men struggling for miles on foot or horseback across fields deep in snow to take food supplies to the remote districts and of gallant efforts made by doctors to reach patients in isolated places.

The work of clearing roads of snowdrifts has been rendered even more difficult by a severe frost which has turned the drifts into masses of ice.

London Short of Supplies.

Even London has been threatened with a shortage of fuel and food supplies. Coal merchants have been getting supplies of coal satisfactorily by train but have been unable to deliver to householders owing to icebound streets. In Covent Garden, supplies of vegetables are short as these come mainly by road. Milk supplies have been considerably affected but are now being delivered nearly normally.

Channel Services.

A large number of French people held up in England through the accident to the Channel steamer *Engadine* made a fresh start for Paris to-day by the New-haven-Dieppe route. Others waited at Folkestone for the *Maid of Orleans* which left Boulogne for Folkestone at mid-day with 836 passengers aboard, and was afterwards leaving for Boulogne again. It was hoped this morning that the French boat would be available for passengers wishing to cross from Dover to Calais, but at mid-day it was announced there would be no Dover-Calais sailing to-day. The New-haven-Dieppe and Southampton-Le Harre services are normal.

When the Cunard liner *Aquilania* arrived at Cherbourg last evening en route for New York, her commander, Sir James Charles, decided that the high wind and heavy seas made it too hazardous to go into harbour. The liner had to cruise round outside the harbour all night. She managed to enter at nine o'clock this morning after being held up for over twelve hours.—*British Wireless.*

Channel Service resumes.

Later. While sunshine and freezing cold continue daily to visit Britain, the severe gale in the Channel is abating and the steamer *Maid of Orleans*, conveyed M. Fleuriat and other storm-stayed travellers (Continued on Page 9.)

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REV. COPLEY MOYLE.

PRESENTATION AT THE CATHEDRAL HALL.

The Reverend H. Copley Moyle who is leaving the Colony on retirement on Saturday next by the Hakusan Maru was yesterday presented with a draft for £230, a Corona typewriter and two gold sovereigns, by members of his congregations and other well-wishers and friends at the Cathedral Hall.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes who made the presentation referred feelingly to the long, faithful and earnest service rendered to the community by the Reverend gentleman.

Mr. Moyle, in the course of his reply mentioned the fact that he had never, during his stay of fifteen years in Hongkong, been absent on a Sunday from Church. During all that time he had been sick for only three days and fortunately those were week days.

There was a large and representative gathering at the Cathedral Hall, including His Honour Justice J. R. Wood, Major General C. C. Luard, C.M.G., Sir Joseph Kemp, The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, The Reverend W. T. Featherstone, the Reverend H. R. Wells, the Rev. J. K. Maconachie and members of the Church Body. Tea was served at 5 p.m. and the presentation was made half an hour later.

In making the presentation, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said: I shall first of all, thank the members of the Church Body and the Women's League for having provided to-day a very special entertainment for the purpose of saying "good-bye" to Mr. Copley Moyle.

I do not intend to detain you very long or in any way endeavour to express what I feel at parting with Mr. Copley Moyle. The presence, I think, of such a large number is a far greater testimony of the high regard in which we hold Mr. Moyle than any words of mine can express (Applause).

I should, however, be wanting in my duty did I not express on your behalf and also on behalf of a large number of residents of this Colony, our great and high appreciation of the long, faithful and earnest service he has rendered to the community.

As one of the principle—or rather, outward and visible—signs of your ministry, Mr. Moyle, we have to look, first of all at this hall, which is due to your efforts. This building was badly needed and it was erected during your time in this Colony. I feel sure that the excellent work begun by you will continue long after you have left. I feel sure also that your best memorial will be the good work that has been done from this Cathedral Hall (Applause).

Visiting the Sick.

Those of us who had the pleasure of listening to your sermon on Christmas morning learned of some of your activities during your stay in this Colony, but I venture to think that you could have said truthfully, a good deal more than you did.

You mentioned the number of marriages and baptisms at which you officiated, but with your natural modesty, you said nothing of your services to the sick and needy of this Colony, to hospitals and to prisoners. Many of you are not, perhaps, fully aware of the hard and arduous work which devolved upon the Chaplain of this Cathedral, but I know full well how loyally Mr. Moyle has discharged his duties in that direction. (Applause).

You have also been instrumental, Mr. Moyle, in starting other organisations such as the Church of England Men's Society, the Women's Guild and many other activities. Those of us who remember the Cathedral in the earlier days would scarcely recognise it as the place it once was. We have much to be thank-

ful to you for having beautified it and made it more in keeping with the rest of the Colony.

I have merely touched on the outward and visible signs of your service and activity and I am very pleased to note that our friend, the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie will have something more intimate to say than I can. I, therefore, on behalf of a very large number of subscribers beg your acceptance, Mr. Moyle, of this draft on London for £230 sterling and two gold sovereigns. (Applause).

This gift of your own choosing (a Corona typewriter) is inscribed inside the cover on a silver plate, and it will remind you of your many friends in Hongkong for years to come. The inscription reads: presented to the Reverend Copley Moyle, M. A., Chaplain, St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 1912-1927.

Let me, on behalf of all here present wish you a safe and happy voyage home, a happy reunion with your family and that you will long be spared to remember the good and valuable service you have rendered to this Colony. (Loud Applause).

Reminiscences.

Addressing the gathering the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie speaking in a reminiscent mood said that he remembered being at a meeting at which the speaker excused himself from saying anything because there were so many others who wanted to speak. Mr. Maconachie said that he wanted to speak and that it was not often that a person confessed so frankly that he desired to be heard.

Referring to Mr. Copley Moyle, the speaker said that he had much in his heart which he would like to say. He thought it would be a great pity if Mr. Moyle had been allowed to leave the Colony without some public acknowledgment such as he (Mr. Maconachie) was in a position to make, of the kindly neighbourly relations which Mr. Moyle had maintained with Christians not of his flock.

Speaking of Mr. Moyle's departure, Mr. Maconachie said that when a friend was about to leave, they usually told him how much they thought of him—but he could hardly express how much he thought of Mr. Moyle. "The last time he came back, I met him on the road and I told him that the place did not seem the same when he was away."

"That is what some of us are bound to feel when Mr. Moyle leaves us. He has gone amongst us doing good. Nothing higher can be said of a Christian minister."

Mr. Maconachie then proceeded to say that the work Mr. Moyle had done was gradual, but that its effect was beginning to tell. He said that it is for this that the wider community in the Colony, as well as the Cathedral, will miss him very much. Touching on the continuous efforts of Mr. Moyle, the speaker said: "Never has there been an opportunity of his doing a kindly thing that he has not availed himself of it."

Religious Differences.

Speaking of religious opinions, Mr. Maconachie declared that never during Mr. Moyle's time did he have a serious quarrel with anyone. When difference of opinion arose, they just "quietly parted and said no more about it." (Laughter).

Mr. Maconachie then referred to the fact that Hongkong was behind the Home country in public manifestations, but he hoped in years to come that unity will be more manifest. As far as it had been possible he had worked together with Mr. Moyle in an open and a right friendly way. "As a fellow minister" said Mr. Maconachie, "I can understand very much of what has been hinted at by the Chairman, of the deeper side of Mr. Moyle's work." He said that in the Desolate Home and in places where Christian company was needed, Mr. Moyle had been there and he had been there to good purpose. Mr. Moyle had been carrying on the Master's business and had rendered a ser-

vice which would remain alive long after he had left us.

Memories were short, said Mr. Maconachie, in a place like Hongkong. He remembered his first congregation and said that there was hardly anybody he knew who was in it when he came. The work of Mr. Moyle, however, was not like writing upon flowing water and he felt certain that in time it would bear fruit.

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Maconachie said: "And so he leaves us as he came and, we can, without qualification, just think of him and speak of him as a dear old, greatly-missed friend, (Applause) and hope that God may bless him wherever he goes, and use him for His own glory, and that he himself may retain a kind memory of those who had been intimate with him here both of the inner and outer circle of friends. Such is the wish, prayer, and hope of us all."

Mr. Moyle's Reply.

Replying, Mr. Copley Moyle said: "It is rather an embarrassing position that I am in. I do thank you most heartily for the kind, goodly friendship that has brought you here on such an unpleasant day. I thank you very heartily indeed for the very substantial cheque that you have just given me and for this excellent typewriter."

Mr. Moyle went on to explain that he had been asked what he would like, and he found it extraordinarily difficult to name something. He first chose a wrist watch but he was given a wrist watch by the Old Boys' Association of Diocesan School and so that "washed out" the watch. After deliberating a long time, Mr. Moyle said, he felt sorry to part with the Cathedral's typewriter which he

had so much difficulty in obtaining. So he asked for a typewriter. He added smilingly that the old machine, was being worn out by the treasurer.

Mr. Moyle said that when he landed in the Colony on May 20, 1912, he was met by Mr. Denman Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. Edkins. That was on a fine day in May and he could never during his life forget the hospitality which Mr. Edkins showed. The house which was intended for Mr. Moyle on the Peak was then not ready and for six weeks he stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Edkins, and it was then that he gained a strong impression of the hospitality of the Colony.

Speaking of the building put up by the Cathedral, Mr. Moyle recounted the interesting way in which he first met the late Mr. M. J. D. Stephens who gave \$68,000 to the Cathedral. He had heard at that time that there was an old gentleman in the Colony who was well-known for his charity. One day he was waiting for the lift at the Hongkong Club and although Mr. Stephens was standing in front of him, he had no idea who it was. It happened that when the lift arrived a young officer by the name of Stephens was a passenger. Mr. Moyle said "Good afternoon Stephens" to the young officer, whereupon Mr. M. J. D. Stephens addressing Mr. Moyle said "Good afternoon." They got into conversation and a friendship soon developed, which proved Mr. Stephens to be both kind and generous and a valuable friend to the Cathedral.

Mr. Moyle continuing, said he regretted that they had not been able to bring the Mission to Hongkong. Sometime ago it was suggested to bring one man out to hold a Mission in Singapore, here and Shanghai. The idea was taken up by every Bishop in China and after a good deal of discussion it fell through owing to the troubles in China.

Regarding Hongkong's reputation as an unhealthy place, Mr. Moyle said that he found the Colony most healthy, having been confined to his bed only for three days during his fifteen years here. As it happened the "three days" were week days and therefore he had never missed a single Sunday during the whole of the time he was in Hongkong. (Applause). Owing to a breakdown of the Peak tram service, he had been late on only one occasion, when he remembered the old verger telling him when he arrived that "the lift

HONGKONG MINING.

IRON ORE DEPOSITS TO BE EXPLOITED.

Of considerable interest is an announcement that mining enterprise in the New Territories is to be revived. It is learned that negotiations are being carried on for taking over iron ore deposits by a syndicate with a substantial backing. There is a considerable deposit of iron ore in the New Territories, and the idea of exploiting it is not new. Hitherto, however, nothing substantial has eventuated from the efforts of interested parties.

The objects of the present syndicate are said to be to conduct systematic prospecting and mining, by qualified engineering and metallurgical experts. Suitable machinery will be erected for the necessary crushing and smelting operations.

Furnaces will be constructed capable of producing pig iron and bar iron by the most modern methods in vogue, with labour-saving devices and equipment. The promoters are confident of introducing a paying industry.

It will be recalled that the late Sir Paul Chater for years fostered this project, and had every confidence in its value. It is gratifying to know that at this time, when the Colony's enterprise is at a low ebb, there are efforts afoot to start a big industry of entirely local nature. Its value to the port in many ways can be easily estimated.

SEVENTY SUSPECTS.

POLICE RAID BIAS BAY FISHING BOAT.

In a raid made by the Police last evening on a motor fishing boat, the Shin Maru, lying at the Pottinger Street wharf, 70 persons suspected of being Swabue "Reds" were arrested and held for investigation. Ten of them were found to be without employment and the suspicion against them was that much the stronger.

The Shin Maru is said to be Japanese owned but was recently hired by certain Chinese for trading purposes between Hongkong, Swabue and Pingshan. Swabue being infested with "Reds" there was suspicion that some of the people aboard the boat might be "Red" agents.

A search of the craft disclosed a large amount of red clothing and the fact that, although she is not a passenger boat she had so many passengers aboard, inspired the belief that she was not engaged in any legitimate business.

LL.P. UNNECESSARY.

MR. SNOWDON RESIGNS.

London, Dec. 29.
Mr. Philip Snowden, interviewed regarding his resignation from the Independent Labour Party, says that its latter activities are supererogatory since the Labour Party has adopted a definite socialist basis. Its existence, Mr. Snowden believes, leads to much unnecessary duplication of work in various constituencies. He gathered that I. L. P. branches all over the country were finding an extreme difficulty in keeping their organisation going because the local Labour Parties were much more powerful. —Reuter.

the candles and did not know what else to do."

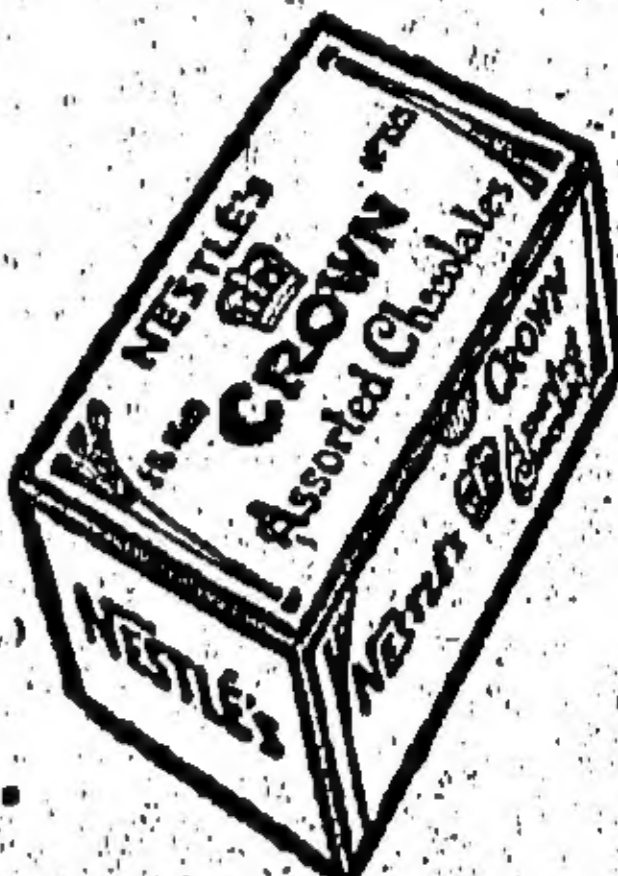
Concluding, Mr. Moyle said: "There are many things one would like to speak about. I should like to say how helpful everybody has been and I think things here are going well and I do hope you will back up the new Chaplain and give him a really good welcome, and that the work in Hongkong will go on and prosper. Thank you all very much. God Bless you. (Applause).

Following the speeches, the audience shook hands with Mr. Moyle one by one, before departing.

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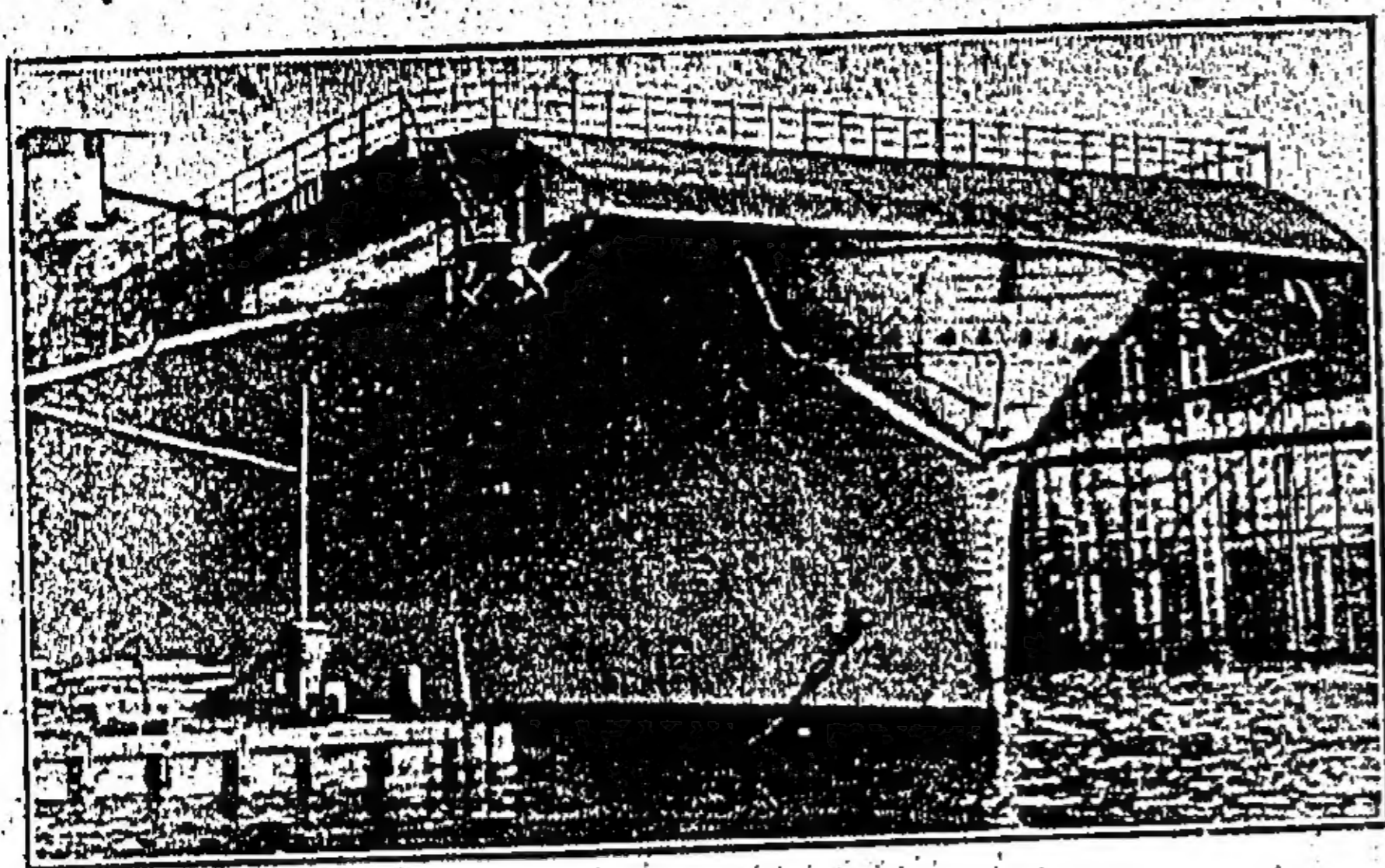
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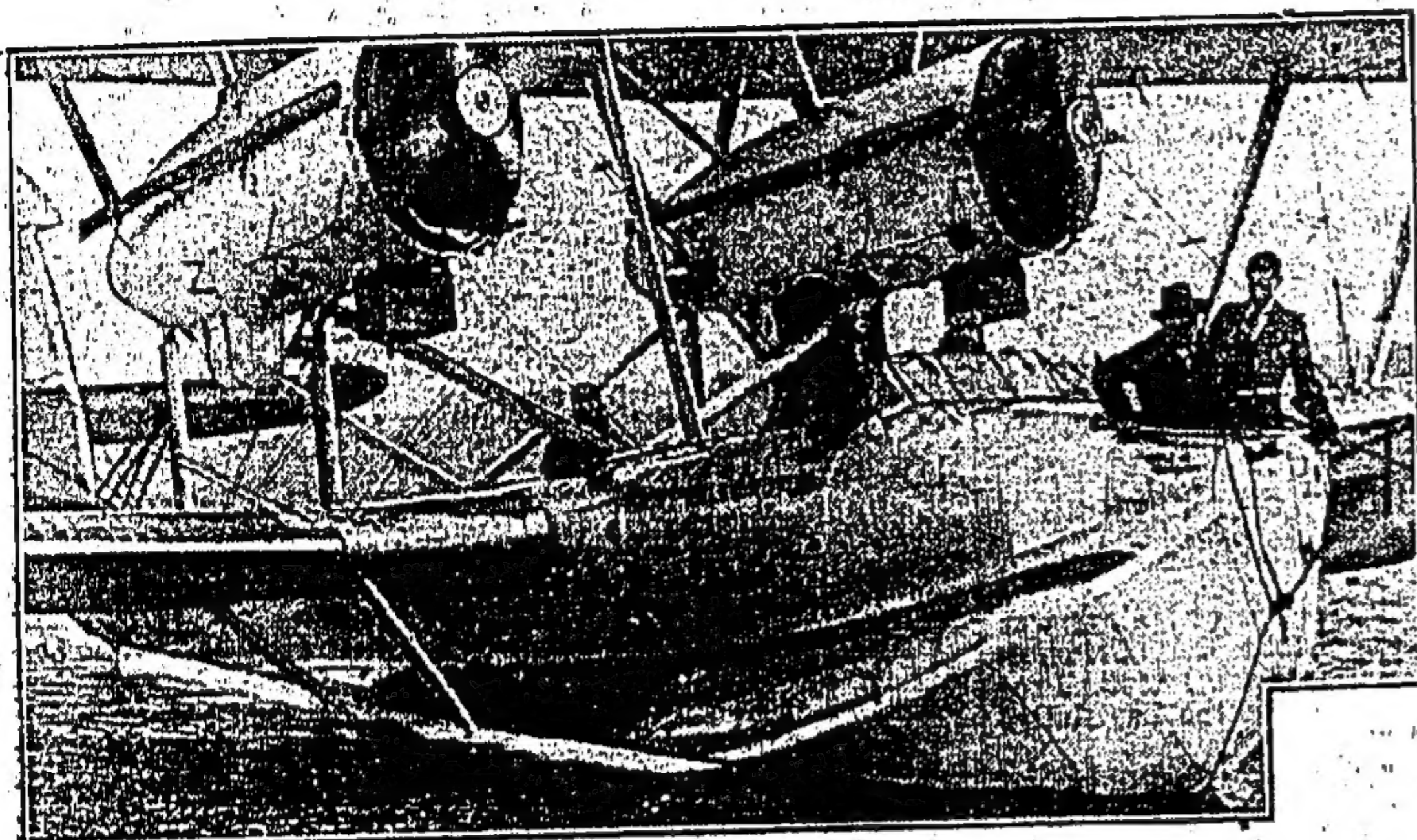


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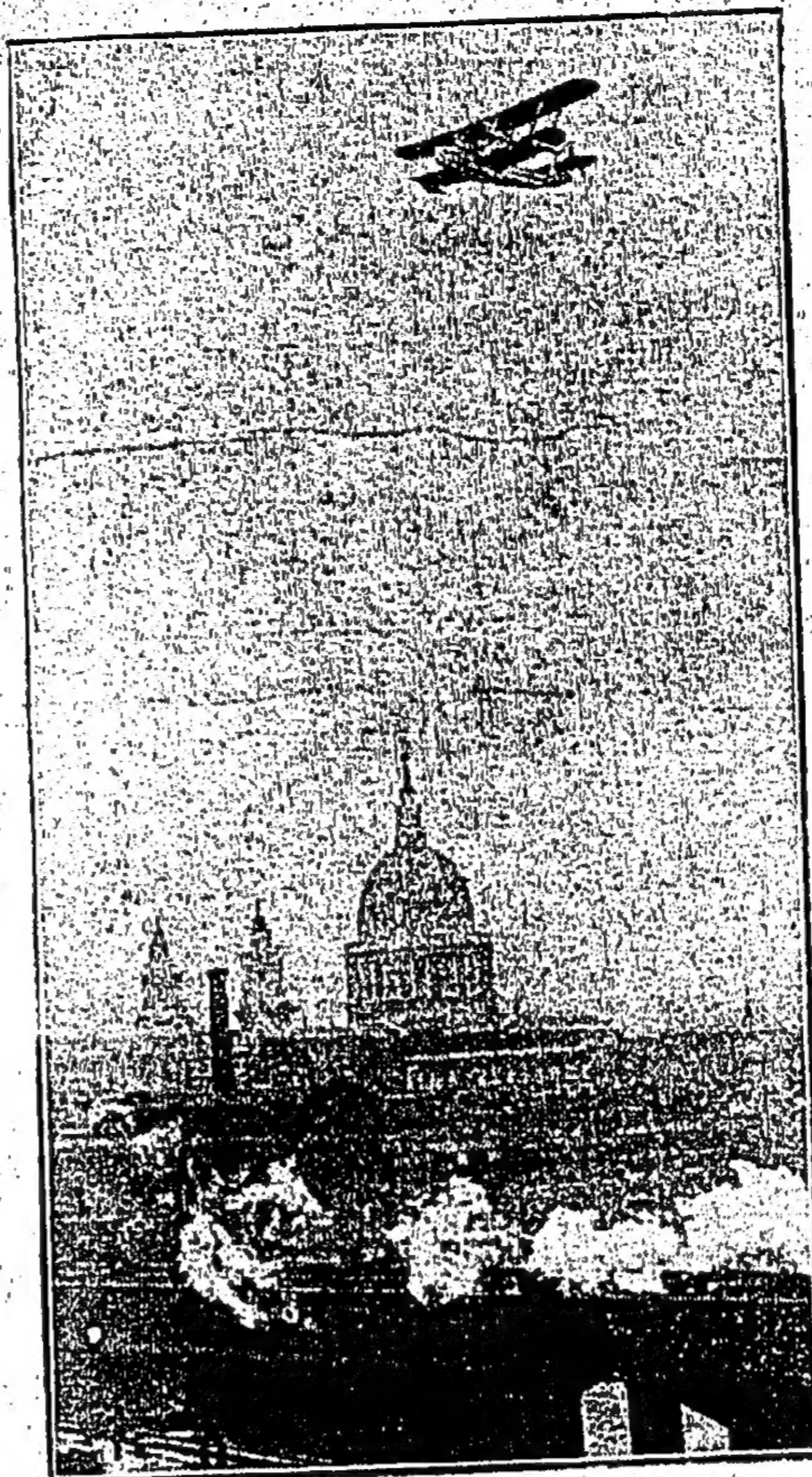




The landing-deck of the new U. S. S. Saratoga. Her full complement of aircraft is 83 aeroplanes and eight seaplanes. (Times copyright).



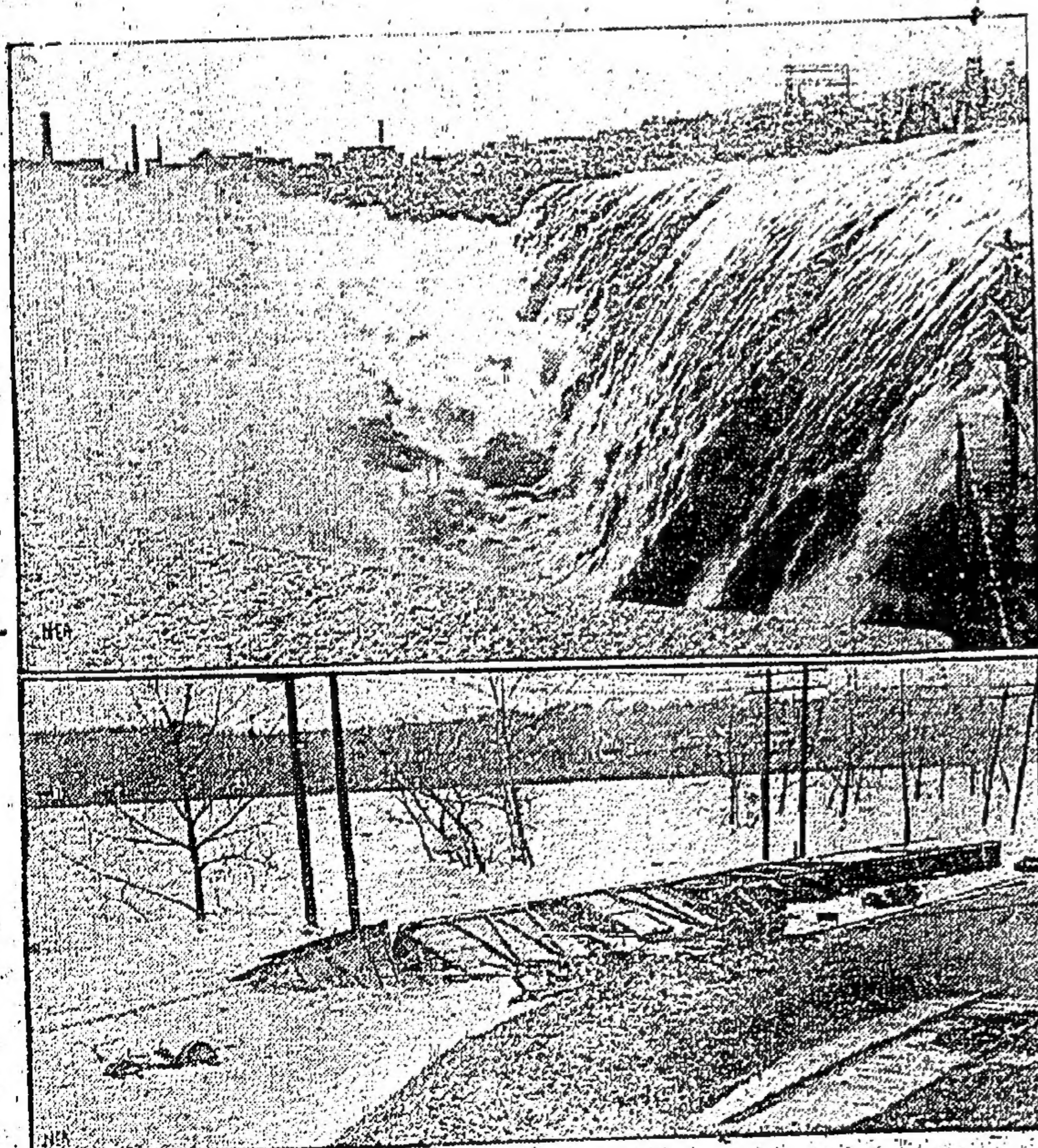
Sir Alan and Lady Cobham in the Short-Singapore flying-boat just before they left Rochester on the start of their 20,000-mile African tour. The first stage was to Southampton via London. (Times copyright).



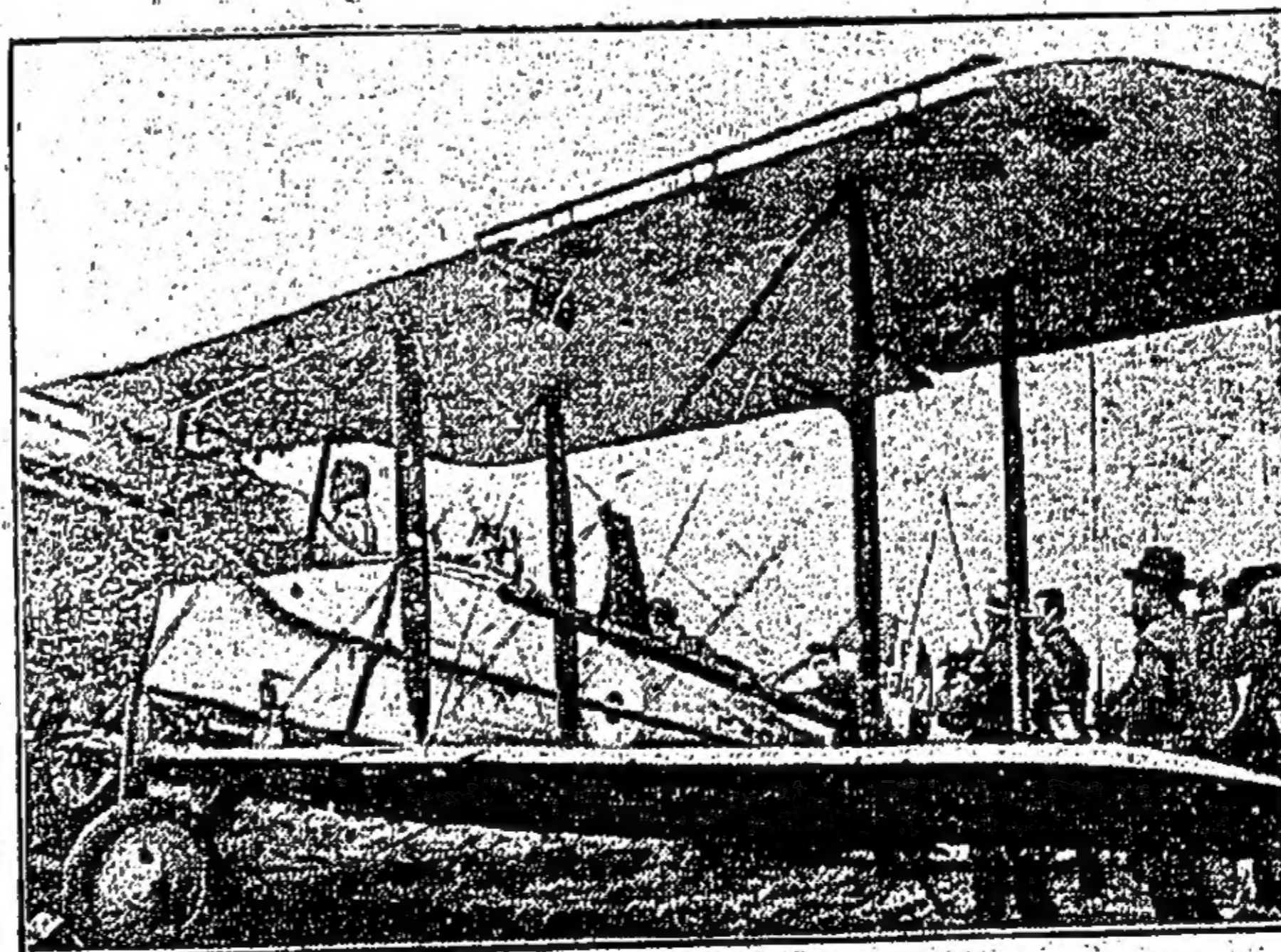
The Short-Singapore flying-boat passing over Blackfriars during its flight over London. St. Paul's Cathedral can be seen in the background. Besides Sir Alan and Lady Cobham, a second pilot, two engineers and a cinematographer were on board the machine. (Times copyright).



The popularity of the Machine Gun Co. S. V. C.'s dance held recently at the Cercle Sportif Francais, Shanghai, is evidenced by the above photo which shows the large number present.



Spectacular in the extreme was the Connecticut River, swollen many feet above its normal stage, as it roared thunderously over the Holyoke-South Hadley dam in Massachusetts during the New England floods (upper picture). The photograph was taken from the South Hadley side. Below is a view of the river at Springfield, Mass., with a Boston & Maine railway track completely washed out and a freight train strewn in the water and mud.



Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, recently inspected the Handley Page automatic slotted wing device at Cricklewood. Our photograph shows the device on the wing of an aeroplane. It is claimed that with the slotted wing it is impossible for an aeroplane to stall. (Times copyright).



Left to right: Mr. H. Herlofson, Miss Marion Barton, Mrs. J. H. Liddell and Mr. A. W. Burkill, snapped in a happy mood at the third Shanghai Paper Hunt.

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The Water Authority—notifies that on and after Tuesday, January 3, the supply of water to the rider-main districts will be controlled by bringing the rider-main into operation and that water will be turned on to each rider-main daily for two consecutive hours. The restriction, it is understood, applies only to Hongkong.

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H. T. JACKMAN,
Water Authority,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 30th Dec., 1927.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. SHIELD COMPETITIONS.

Clubs in membership are reminded that entries for the Shield Competitions close on January 1st, 1928.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.

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On MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1928, all Departments will be CLOSED.

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In Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th
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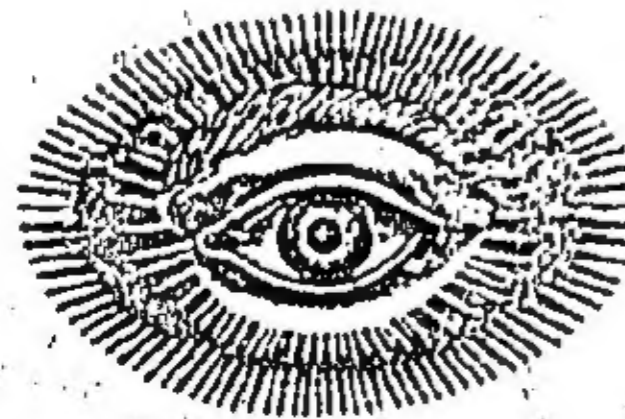
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Holders of the above-mentioned tickets are hereby informed that effective January 1st, 1928, such tickets will not be available.

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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 31st Dec. to 6th January, 1928.

Day	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Time	Height	Time	Height
Mon.	31	11.45	6.0	5.15	1.8
Tue.	1	12.10	6.2	5.40	1.9
Wed.	2	12.45	6.5	5.55	2.0
Thurs.	3	13.15	6.8	5.45	2.1
Fri.	4	13.45	7.0	5.30	2.2
Sat.	5	14.15	7.2	5.15	2.3
Sun.	6	14.45	7.4	5.00	2.4

WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

A NEW CULT OF SHADOWS.

A SILHOUETTE ARTIST.

Hollywood, Calif., Nov. 29.—What's in a shadow?

Plenty—that is if you have any ideas about seeing your name blazoned in electric lights along Broadway's movie row. Such is the opinion of Gene Ross, noted silhouette artist.

According to Miss Ross, a person's character—and personality—always important factors in cinema endeavours—more readily divulged through their shadows than by their faces. The silhouette, being only a cut-out of a shadow, of course serves the same purpose.

"Human types are ascertained by the shape and pose of the head," declares Miss Ross, who has made intensive studies of bankers, film folk, criminals and others. Therefore, the silhouette or shadow are the easiest to read because of the sharp outline they present.

Takes Five of 'Em.

Miss Ross cut out silhouettes of five actresses in quick succession the other day and from them classed her subjects. Colleen Moore was listed as a flapper, Mary Astor as an ultra-feminine, Billie Dove, simply beautiful; Dorothy Mackail, a sportswoman; and Maria Corda, exotic.

"The Colleen Moore type is the whimsical, birdlike girl, one who is vivacious in a fragile manner," says Miss Ross. "She may wear tailored clothes, sport hats or flat-heeled shoes, but never rugged materials. She has the airiness of spring and it is easy to picture her in a big floppy garden hat and bouffant organdies."

"Mary Astor walks with tiny, mincing steps. She never wears low-heeled slippers even with sporty tops. They just don't go with her fine silky hair, delicate features and helpless capabilities. She wears basques, wide skirts, crisp tulle, pastel colours and elusive perfumes."

Miss Ross' cut-out didn't work very well that time. Mary Astor has often been seen in low-heeled shoes and a good many of her dresses are of the form fitting variety.

"Billie Dove is truly rare among women," continued Miss Ross. "She has extremely regular features, large blue eyes, a dazzling smile and round contour of face. She could be classed as almost any type. She reflects the moods of her clothes, instead of them reflecting her personality."

A Tip to Dorothy.

"Dorothy Mackail is primarily a sportswoman. She has a good stride, a strong jaw, a large well-shaped head and a perfect nose. Sweaters, short skirt, smart tights, furs and gay scarfs are most suitable for her."

"Maria Corda's exotic personality is emphasized in her finely chiseled profile, the poise of her head and the confidence registered in the lines of her mouth. Miss Corda dominates her clothes, makes her own styles and demands recognition regardless of the combinations she wears. She has a 'don't give a hang' attitude toward public opinion."

UNLICENSED MOTOR BOAT.

MASTER FINED AT MARINE COURT.

As a result of a raid made by the police on the motor fishing boat Shin Maru last evening, when a number of suspects were detained for investigation, the master of the boat, Lam Tai, was charged at the Marine Court this morning before Commr. G. F. Holo, with (a) carrying 52 passengers in an unlicensed motor boat and (b) making a false declaration of clearance by carrying passengers.

The accused pleaded guilty and stated that this being his first visit to Hongkong, he was unacquainted with the port regulations. On the first charge, the defendant was fined \$50 and on the second charge, \$25, with the usual alternative of imprisonment of one day for each dollar of the fine, with sentences running consecutively.

Kwok Ming, mistress of a cargo boat, was charged with mooring her craft inside low water mark and also with mooring her craft inside the Victoria Cable Reserve. Pleading guilty, she was fined \$5 on the first charge and \$10 on the second charge, with the usual alternative of imprisonment.

BIG FIRE ON F.M.S. RAILWAY.

DESTRUCTION OF REMBAU STATION.

MYSTERIOUS OUTBREAK.

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 23. Mystery surrounds a great fire which occurred between one and three a.m. yesterday and razed to the ground Rembau Railway Station, about 15 miles from Seremban southern line.

Every attempt to extinguish the conflagration failed. Help was sought from Seremban, but owing to the distance and the awkward time the local brigade was unable to render assistance.

The fire raged so fiercely that, with the exception of a few cabinets, almirahs and account books, practically everything was burnt to cinders.

Mr. T. P. Sargeants, District Engineer of Seremban, visited the place in a special train and brought materials for the erection of a temporary station.

With the complete destruction of the tablet system the trains are now run with the assistance of pilots.

MALAYS IN CEYLON.

DEMAND FOR A COUNCIL SEAT.

A mass meeting of Malays was held at the Public Hall, Colombo, recently to support the demand for a separate seat in the Legislative Council.

The Chairman said that they had not met there in an aggressive mood to find fault with any particular individual institution but merely to assert their rights as a community.

They, in common with other races, desired to preserve their individuality and did not desire to be merged in other races or communities, though they happened to be Muslims.

Educationally they were far superior to other Muslim races there, and intellectually they were well equipped for the burden they asked for.

Mr. T. S. Sabar moved: "That the Malays of Ceylon assembled in this public meeting do resolve that it is essential to the welfare of the Malays that their interests should be represented in the Ceylon Legislative Council by a special representative of their own as in the island, such as Europeans, Burghers and Tamils."

He said they had no quarrel with their Moor brethren. Religion and politics were different things and he did not think it practicable to mix the two.

Mr. M. S. J. Akbar seconded: Muslim solidarity of which Mr. Javah had spoken, stood unassailed by their demand for separate representation. He asked why those, who preached this brotherhood and tried to take the Malays under their protection did not attempt to do so to the Borahs, the Mammoos and Malayalis.

Mr. M. L. M. Roy supported the motion, which was carried unanimously.

KEDAH'S RECORD TRIP.

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Leaving Singapore at 11 a.m. one morning, she reached Penang at 6.30 next morning. Allowing for half an hour at slow speed through Keppel Harbour, this gives an average of just under 19 knots an hour.

A FORCED LOAN.

BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRANGE DEMAND.

La Paz, Dec. 29. The Bolivian Government has demanded a forced loan of 12,000,000 bolivianos (G\$5,000,000) at par from the leading capitalists of the country. Senor Simon Patino, the "tin king," is assessed at 4,000,000 bolivianos, Senor Avelino Ramayo at 2,000,000 and other wealthy persons at smaller amounts.—Router's American Service.

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts have received the following quotations from the Straits by cable: Alenby \$5.10 b. Connamaras \$2.40 b. Kundong \$4.10 b. Katoyang Bahrus \$2.20 s.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

On Monday, 2nd January, 1928 the G.P.O. will be open from 8 a.m. to noon and the Branch Post Office from 8 a.m. to 6 a.m. There will be no collection from the pillar-boxes and no delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays, and no delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed. Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Outable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

It is notified for information that Feather Fans and Brooches cannot be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Plumage (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

RADIO NOTICES

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation with the following:— Ships at sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo China, Province of Yunnan, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchow, Fort Bayard, Tenkam, Hoihow, Amoy, &c.

Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should, in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio, register their telegraphic addresses immediately.

Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, Government Building.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Hakusan Maru	December 31.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Harrison	December 31.
Europe via Negapatam, (papers only, London 1st December)	Pyrrhus	December 31.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkiang	January 1.
Australia and Manila	Aratura	January 2.
Calcutta and Straits	Santhia	January 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	January 2.
Japan and Shanghai	Morea	January 6.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	January 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Fri., Dec. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Fri., Dec. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Wohaiwei	Huichow	Fri., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Delta	Fri., Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	New Mahide	Sat., Dec. 31, 5 a.m.
Saigon and South Africa	Manila Maru	Sat., Dec. 31, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Fooksang	Sat., Dec. 31.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haining Sat., Dec. 31, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Hakusan Maru Sat., Dec. 31, K.P.O.

Registration 10 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

G.P.O.

Registration 11.45 a.m.

Letters 12.30 p.m.

(Due Marseilles 29th Jan. 1928.)

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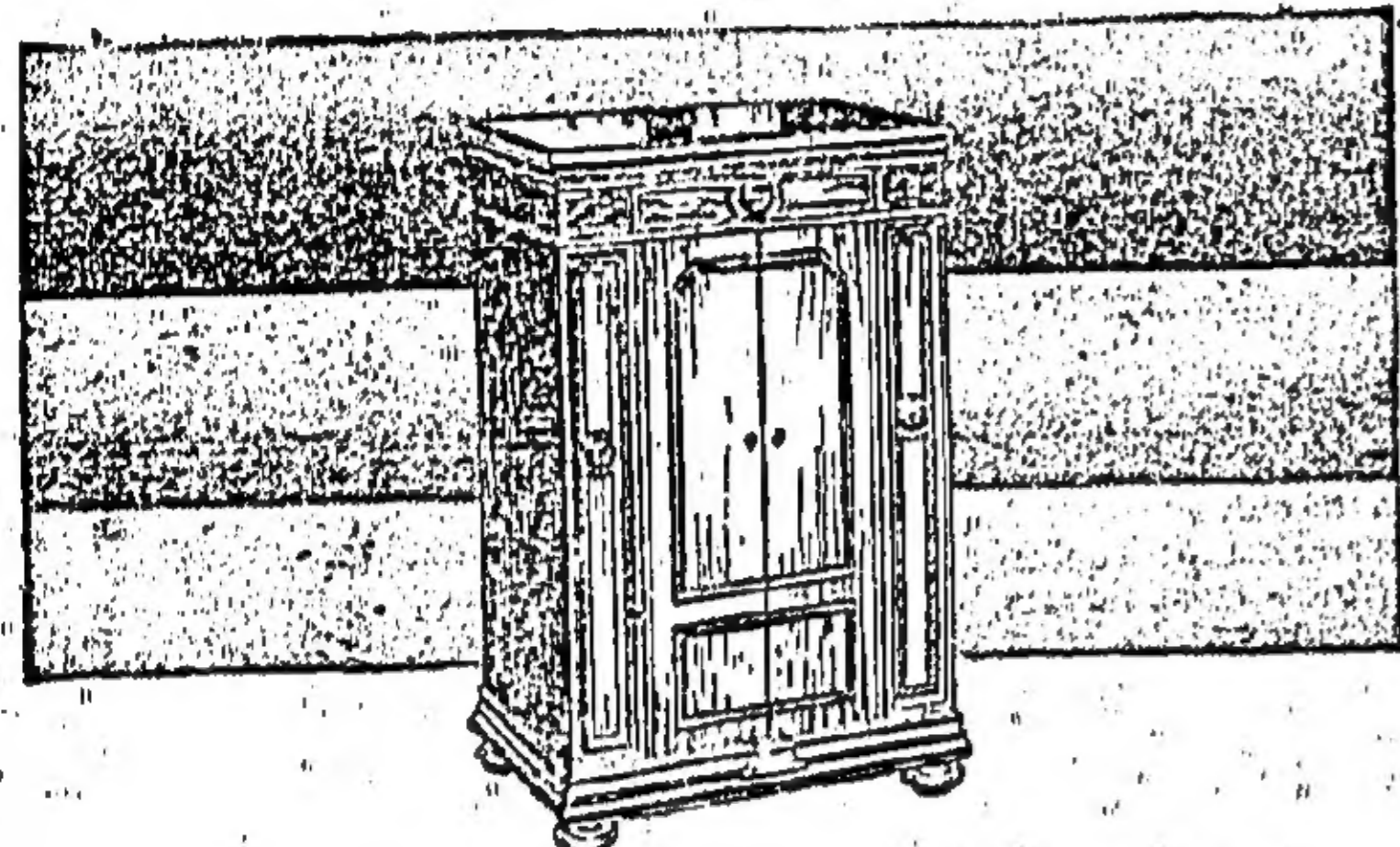
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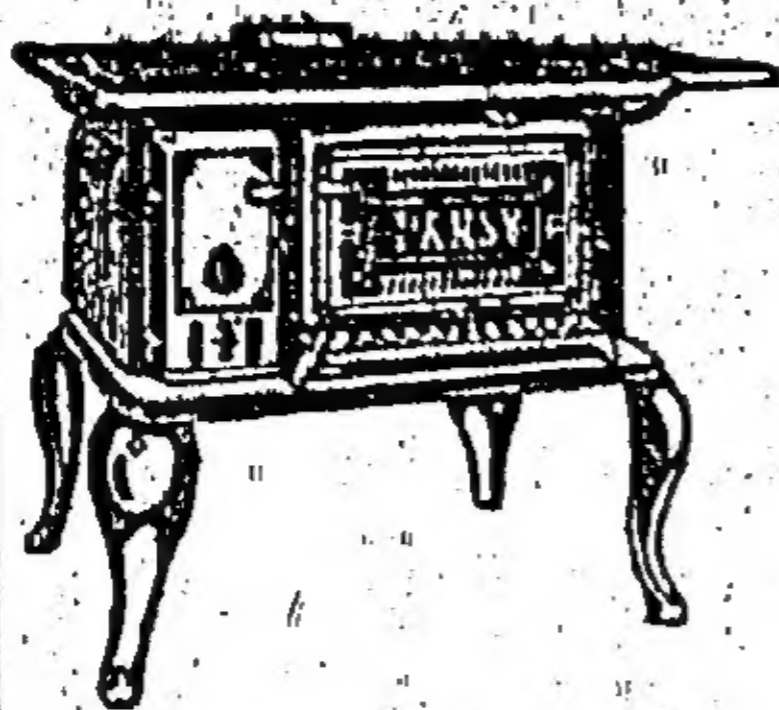
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, DEC. 30, 1927.

EUROPEAN PROBLEM.

There is a widespread disposition to treat the Polish-Lithuanian question lightly. Poland, it is felt, is obscure and Lithuania more so. The truth is that the dispute is a serious one and that the political associations and geographical proximities make it one of the gravest problems in Europe, since the war, and certainly the most important since the final delimitation of the frontiers of Turkey. At the time the Polish-Lithuanian crisis first flared into prominence Reuter described the affair as a repercussion of the Italo-Albanian treaty. That was undoubtedly a correct estimate in a sense, the connection being that while Italy has just taken Albania under her wing, Poland has been the protégé of France for some long time. More of consequence, however, is the situation of both Poland and Lithuania in regard to Russia. Russia is too disorganised to be capable of serious military aggression but the unconventionality, to use the mildest possible term, of Russian foreign policy makes her the key-country of the European strategical situation. She has appeared at Geneva as a champion of disarmament and now her closest neighbour and enemy has a quarrel before the League in which her opponent is another neighbour, Lithuania.

Poland is not a country of all the virtues, and it may be that she and Lithuania are six of one and half a dozen of the other as regards their allegations and counter-allegations, accompanied, as one partisan statesman has put it, by "arguments made in a mad-house." But Poland has been rightly regarded by Europe, particularly by France, as a bulwark against Bolshevism, both militarily and in regard to "peaceful penetration." Russia has in the past made efforts to Bolshevise every country on her frontiers, and though she had a bitter lesson from Poland at the time the famous Allied intervention on the latter's behalf (when Poland declined the Allies' advice to capitulate, beat Russia off her own hat and thanked her preservers for nothing) Russia would certainly make use of a state of chaos to "mop up" any minor

states. We say "minor" states, and so Lithuania and Poland both are, but the former must not be under-estimated. It is the confusion in the minds of the public of modern Poland with the crushed pre-war appanage of Russia that is the reason for the undue minimising of the recent critical position. Poland is as big as most of the Western European Powers geographically and she has within her extended post-war frontiers many busy industrial areas, also the town of Vilna, which is, to a great extent, the whole bone of contention as far as the *bona fide* dispute between Poland and Lithuania is concerned.

The recent crisis very fortunately passed over, and if the promised League Council meeting to deal with the Polish-Lithuanian crisis results in better feeling between Great Britain and Russia it will indeed have turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Russian foreign policy is a mystery at present. The Communist executive itself has long been torn between the doctrines of isolation from and co-operation with the "capitalist" States, which, of course, means all of them, and with no definite successor of Lenin there is not a dictator whom the Communists will follow, sinking their individual convictions. The Trotsky influence has never been excluded from Soviet councils, even though Trotsky and his companions might be "expelled." All politicians find it hard to climb down and the Russians have, by the violence of their words and methods, made it particularly difficult to recede from their position. While things get better every year in Russia, the people are more and more ready to dispense with the Communists, and especially those Communist principles which presume self-sufficiency and its corollary of isolation.

Another Split.

There would appear to be good grounds for believing that a serious split again confronts the Kuomintang, for yesterday's messages indicate that already some of the prominent officials of the Nationalist Government, including Mr. Sun Fo, have resigned, and that others are expected shortly to do likewise. This reshuffling of posts comes at a rather inopportune moment, as the Kuomintang Conference is due to assemble in Nanking in the next few days. As we write, there is a probability that the Party will be split in twain as a result of the resignations which have occurred or are about to take place, and one of the worst features of the development is that Marshal Feng Yu-shiang appears to be exercising considerable influence in the reconstruction of the Cabinet. Feng has long been known for his extremist views, and it would appear that he is still a factor to be reckoned with. We deplore this fresh crisis in the history of the Kuomintang, because until a few days ago there were hopes that the moderates would manage to dominate the Party's activities in the future, and moreover, there was a big opportunity presented for the Nationalists to gather sufficient power and influence unto themselves to play a prominent part in the eventual unification of the country. But personal animosities seem to have arisen once again, with the upshot that the Party is in the throes of a fresh crisis. Happenings of this kind seem to confirm the widespread impression that, in Chinese politics, personal animosities play a far bigger part than ideals or service for the common weal. So long as that continues to be the case, China will remain in a state of chaos and misrule.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 29.
Paris	124
New York	4.88 1/2
Brussels	24.80
Geneva	25.25
Amsterdam	12.06 1/2
Milan	92 7/16
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.07
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.33 1/4
Vienna	34.64 1/4
Prague	104 1/4
Helsingfors	193 1/4
Madrid	29.14 1/2
Lisbon	2 27/32
Athens	365 1/4
Bucharest	795
Rio	5 15/16
Buenos Aires	47 18/16
Bombay	1/0 3/32
Shanghai	2/7
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 15/16
Silver (spot)	20 9/16
Silver (forward)	20 1/4

—British Wireless.

DAY-BY-DAY.

WE HEAR MUCH OF THE "FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES." CIRCUMSTANCE, IF TRACED TO ITS SOURCE, WILL BE FOUND TO BE THE EFFECT OF WILL. —Mrs. Egerton Eastwick.

The B. I. s. s. Santhia, which left Singapore on the 27th instant, is due here on Monday.

The weather forecast up till noon to-morrow is "North-east winds, fresh; generally cloudy."

The Ben Line s.s. Benarty left Singapore on the 28th instant and is due here on January 8th.

Yesterday's health return shows one case of diphtheria and one of typhoid fever. Both were Chinese, the latter an imported case.

The Empress of Asia, carrying mails from Vancouver, the U.S. and Europe, registered 740 bags, these being distributed during yesterday afternoon.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Asia yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Dr. S. A. H. Soper, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. R. Shaw, Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. H. K. Hung.

As a result of a street fight amongst coolies in Vanchai yesterday, one of their number, living at No. 15, Cross Street, received injuries to his legs which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

The British vessel Anking, arriving from Singapore and Amoy, reports the death of two deck passengers. One of these succumbed to beri-beri, while the other was a heart attack case, subsequent to excessive opium smoking.

The European who, on Wednesday, was found by the Police in an empty room at No. 314 Reclamation Street into which he had apparently broken, after smashing a window pane and injuring his hand, has been identified as a Swiss, employed by a local firm.

After a lapse of nearly three years, *The Rock*, a Hongkong Catholic monthly magazine, makes its reappearance. The first number of the new series contains much of interest, in the form of articles on religious and other topics, as well as chatty local notes. We wish the venture every success.

A Chinese woman attempted to jump into the Harbour yesterday whilst travelling on one of the "Star" Ferry boats from Hongkong to Kowloon. As she was about to leap into the water, another woman observing her intention, prevented her from so doing. The would-be suicide was later taken to the Water Police Station.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 24 arrivals and 17 departures, leaving 79 vessels in harbour of which 29 were British. Tonnage was heavy, but freights were generally low, although British registries gave the highest returns under both inward and through headings, with freights up to the 6,000 ton mark.

Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor of the Straits Settlements, accompanied by Lady Clifford, is to arrive in Bangkok on Feb. 6, and leave on Feb. 12 for Saigon, travelling overland. An elaborate programme has been arranged, including a trip to Ayutthia, the ancient capital of Siam. On the way up to Bangkok a night will be spent at Hua Hin. On Feb. 7 the Governor will be received by the King.

We have received from the P. and O. Company a very attractive wall calendar for 1928, the subject for the picture being Hongkong harbour. At anchor are seen the P. and O. s.s. Ranpara and the B.I. s.s. Tanamba. The Company's diary and almanack for next year has also been received and contains not only details of the services of the Company but also much other useful information.

Besides "Resurrection" Count Leo Tolstoy's classic, with Dolores Del Rio, at the Queen's Theatre, to-day's cinema attractions include "Aloma of the South Seas" featuring Gilda Gray, the famous stage dancer, at the World Theatre; and Rex Beach's "Padlocked," a dramatic story of a beautiful girl's struggle with the conventions of to-day, at the Star Theatre. Lola Moran, Louise Dresser and Noah Beery are the principals in "Padlocked."

Shortly after nine o'clock last night, a serious accident occurred outside the Fire Station at Queen's Road Central, when a Chinese travelling as a passenger in the third class compartment, endeavoured to alight from a moving tram and sustained a fall as the result. He fell on his back, and his skull was fractured on striking the ground. Within a minute, the man was rushed in the motor-ambulance from the Fire Station to Hospital, his condition being extremely precarious.

LOCAL BROADCASTING.

TEST TRANSMISSION TQ-NIGHT.

In connexion with the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee scheme for broadcasting a test transmission will be made between 6 and 7.30 this evening on a wave-length of 340 metres. This is the result of several months' work on the transmitter which was formerly in possession of the Radio Society, local wireless experts having spent considerable time in bringing the transmitter up to a high pitch of efficiency.

We understand that excellent results are being achieved with the transmitter, local listeners reporting excellent reception from several tests conducted during the past few days. In connexion with to-night's test, which will consist of gramophone records, reports will be welcomed by the chairman of the Committee.

The Committee's future intentions regarding broadcasting are unknown at the moment. The last official pronouncement on the subject was at a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee held a fortnight ago when it was stated that the transmitter had now been installed at the Leo Theatre.

Continuing Mr. R. Sutherland said: It will be remembered that a special sum from the General Fund was earmarked in this connexion, only a portion of which has so far been expended, and as soon as our experts are satisfied that the transmitter is all that is required, I shall be glad to meet the Y.M.C.A. Directors with a view to discussing future arrangements.

We have still many troops in the Colony, some of which will be widely scattered, and as there are many advantages in having a properly conducted broadcasting scheme, it is possible that some arrangement might be come to whereby a joint organization controlled by those members of the community who are wireless enthusiasts and the Y.M.C.A. might be of considerable benefit to the Colony. The whole matter is at present being considered and will require to be discussed at a later date.

POSSESSION OF ARMS.

TWO ARRESTS ON EMPRESS BOAT.

Two Chinese who arrived in the Colony by the Empress of Asia were arrested by the police yesterday for unlawful possession of arms.

The first man, Li Cheung-sin, was a passenger from Vancouver and he was in possession of four Luger pistols, two revolvers and ten automatic magazines. He also had 1,372 rounds of revolver ammunition.

Another man, Wong Shiu-chiu, also a passenger from Canada was also arrested and in his possession was found eighty rounds of rifle ammunition.

Men Charged.

The two men were charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning.

The first case concerned the passenger who was found with 80 rounds of ammunition in his possession. Mr. L. R. Andrews appeared for the defendant and entered a plea of guilty.

The defendant explained that he had been sick during the voyage and had not seen the notices requiring persons in possession of arms to declare same to the captain. The defendant further stated that he was ignorant of the laws of Hongkong.

A fine of \$250 was imposed.

The second passenger who was arrested in possession of four Luger pistols, two revolvers and 1,350 rounds of ammunition, was remanded till next Wednesday when the case will be tried by two Magistrates.

TO-MORROW'S PICTURES.

AN ATTRACTIVE LIST.

The *Telegraph's* special page of local pictures will include a group photograph taken at the fancy dress dance of the pupils of the Central British School; group and range pictures taken at Talkoo on the occasion of the staff shoot; and several pictures of the local international football matches played over the holiday in connexion with the *Sunday Herald* charity cup.

In addition to the above there will be published group photographs taken at the weddings in Hongkong of Mr. G. O. Broetje (of Melchers and Co., Hongkong) and Miss C. M. C. Wilken, of Bremen; and Mr. Rolf Hoyt, of Tientsin, and Miss I. Gobert, of Hamburg.

The Very Idea!

"I hear the natives of the Grampian City are taking strong exception to the circulation of Aberdeen stories."

"Oh, wounded pride I suppose."

"No; simply because the joke is always at their expense."

"Match racing" is the newest gambling game and time-wasting device in the City of London.

Business men, stockbrokers, barristers, and others who earn their living by arduous work within the City boundary may be seen at all times carrying under their arms boxes of giant matches. These matches are the instruments of the new game.

The idea in "match racing" is simply to light a giant match and to see how long it will burn.

A pool is started—sixpence, a shilling half a crown, or ten shillings a match—according to the means or foolishness of the match racers.

At the word "Go" all the matches are struck, and the competitor whose match lasts the longest as a burning brand wins the whole pool. There are no second prizes. A match-burning record for the City of London has been established by an underwriter at Lloyd's—six minutes and two seconds for the whole of a giant match.

Sub-inspector: Call James Cook! Constable: Come along here, Captain!

Female defendant (charged with drunkenness): I had 14 miles to walk to Brisbane, and I thought a couple of beers would make me stronger.

Defendant (when his name was called): Guilty, your Worship. Magistrate: What of?

Defendant: Oh, anything in general.

Solicitor: Did your daughter appear dazed?

Witness: Well, I dunno about dazed, but she looked sorta stupid.

An arm protruding from the side of a machine ahead apparently can signify any one of the following things:—The motorist is (1) knocking ashes off his cigarette; (2) going to turn to the left; (3) warning a small boy to shut up; (4) going to turn to the right; (5) pointing to the scenery; (6) going to back up; (7) feeling for rain; (8) telling the wife he is sure the front door is locked; (9) hailing a friend in a passing car; (10) going to stop.

Italian authorities in the South Tyrol have issued a proclamation declaring it to be a punishable offence for German inhabitants to have tombstones of relatives inscribed in any language other than Italian. All German inscriptions on existing gravestones have been ordered to be removed.

Little Dora was sorely perplexed. For some minutes she seriously contemplated the aged figure of her venerable grandfater, and then the question came.

"Grandpa," she asked, "were you in the Ark?"

Grandpa sat up. "Eh? What's that, my dear?" he said dazedly. "In the Ark? No, of course not!"

"Then," persisted Dora in the manner of one asking the unanswerable, "How is it you weren't drowned?"

There were four romantic passengers aboard a liner bound for New Zealand in the shape of two pairs of English nightingales which were to be released in the government bird sanctuary in Auckland Harbour. They will be the first English migratory birds, to enter the southern hemisphere. Nightingales, however, are called the most homesick birds in the world, and the possibility is foreseen that they will fly back the 14,000 miles to their beloved Surrey woods.

The person who stole a copy of Harold Bell Wright's "God and the Groceryman" from our store Monday is not known. We don't know who you are and care less. We only ask that you read the book with the hope that it may reform you. If it does not, we suggest that the next time you are in our store you steal a Bible. Advertisement in a Californian paper.

Tommy was observed by his mother washing the forefinger of his right hand.

"What's the idea of washing only one finger?" she inquired.

"The boy next door has asked me to feel his baby sister's new tooth," explained Tommy.

A teacher asked her class the meaning of the word "furlough." Willie was called, and said, "It means a mule; it says so in a book."

The teacher asked for the book, and it was brought forward.

At last, Willie came to a picture of a soldier sitting on a mule. At the bottom of the picture was printed, "Going home on his furlough."

TELEPHONE BOX MONEY.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO EXTRACT.

HOTEL COOLIE CHARGED.

A Chinese, named Li Tak, an employee of the Hongkong Hotel, was charged before Major C. Willson, this morning, with attempting to extract money from a telephone box in the Hongkong Hotel corridor.

Giving evidence, a Chinese telephone inspector said that at 3.45 p.m. he visited the box in the Hotel corridor and saw defendant extract a Hongkong ten-cent piece from the box. This was done with the help of a wire three inches long, which was, in fact, a paper clip straightened out.

The defendant is said to have pushed the coin back into the box when he was observed, and then is alleged to have explained to the inspector that the telephone was choked and that he was attempting to clear it. The inspector then took the defendant to the management of the Hotel with a view to asking them to warrant him against repeating the act. The management, however, told the inspector to do what he liked with the defendant. The Telephone Company was then communicated with and the defendant was taken into custody.

"Caught in the Act"

Mr. A. M. Braude, maintenance engineer of the Telephone Company, giving evidence, said he received a message yesterday afternoon to the effect that a Chinese was caught in the act of stealing coins at the No. 1 box of the Hongkong Hotel corridor, in the lounge. The defendant was brought to the Telephone Company's office and later handed over to the police. Mr. Braude added that lately there had been a great deal of trouble over the same telephone.

Major Willson:—You think it likely that the box was stopped up?

Witness:—I emptied the box and two foreign coins that would not pass through the passage were extracted. These coins could be easily extracted.

Major Willson:—So that the coins actually blocked the passage?

Witness:—Yes, because they allowed no further coins to go down.

Continuing, witness said that he found a Hongkong coin on top of the two foreign coins, which meant that the telephone was out of order when the subscriber using the Hongkong coin attempted to use it. The inspector proceeded to the Hotel in consequence of the fact that a previous call disclosed that the passage was choked.

A Good Turn?

Major Willson:—For all you know, defendant might be trying to clear the phone? He might be trying to do a good turn by clearing it?

Witness:—No one must touch our telephones. They are maintained by the Telephone Company.

His Worship:—I understand that, but defendant might have been genuinely clearing the telephone?

Witness:—We have lost a good deal of money recently by subscribers using bad money.

His Worship:—That does not concern this case.

Defendant's Story.

The defendant then stated that he was a coolie in the Hotel and yesterday he observed a man coming out of the telephone box after a fruitless attempt to call up. When the man saw defendant, he explained to defendant how the telephone could be cleared by a bit of wire. Defendant found a paper clip and straightened it out and handed it over to the man who had been disappointed. He failed to clear the passage and defendant then made an attempt. While he was working at it, the inspector arrived.

His Worship adjourned the case until to-morrow morning so that evidence regarding the defendant's character could be taken.

In response to the request of the Chinese community for the extension of the two-hours-a-day water supply limit, the two Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council, Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Sir Shou-son Chow interviewed Mr. R. A. C. North, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, on Wednesday. They were informed by the Secretary that the restriction of the water supply was demanded by the limited quantity of water stored up at present, and that should the two hours' limit be extended, in March and April the supply for the Colony might drop to a serious danger point.

YAUMATI SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

IMPROVEMENT IN WORK OF STUDENTS.

THIS MORNING'S CEREMONY.

A great improvement in the work of the students was reported by the headmaster of the Yaumati School at the annual distribution of prizes this morning. The ceremony of presenting the awards to the boys was performed by Mrs. G. P. de Martin, the wife of the former headmaster of the school.

Annual Report.

Prior to asking Mrs. de Martin to give away the many prizes, Mr. A. G. Brown, the head master, said:—Mrs. de Martin,—"Before we proceed, I wish to welcome you here to-day. We are especially pleased to have you take the leading part in this function, firstly because what is now the top class of the school was the bottom class during the last year of your husband's rule here and secondly because you are a resident of Tai-po from where a large number of our boys come. Last year the head prefect of the school was a Tai-po boy and we think it very gracious of you to come such a distance and present the prizes.

Now for the report, which will be very brief, because this year has been a very unfortunate one for Yaumati School. I shall devote more time to the staff than to examinations because in my opinion we are apt to attach too much importance to examinations and too little to the work of the staff. After all it is the staff which makes or mars a school and it is the staff which influences the future careers and characters of the boys. Yet we are apt to leave the staff in the background, the head master being the only person to come in the line of time.

The Yaumati School has been very fortunate this year in only having one change in the staff. At the beginning of the year Mr. Hon Kau-foon left us and became the headmaster of the Cheung Chiu School. We are sorry to lose him because he was a very earnest teacher and took an active interest in the school sports, but we are very glad to have re-join us, Mr. Lam Pak-to who was here some years ago. Mr. Lam has gained a ripe experience in all matters pertaining to school life. Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Murphy have again done excellent work. Every year I hand to them the "raw material" and they accomplish wonders with it. Mr. He Yan-tak, the second master, has again shown capacities as an organizer and has considerably relieved my burden. Mr. Pan Sik-lin, had at the beginning of the year, a very backward class but at the end of the year it was wonderfully improved. Mr. Chiu Him's class had the best results but he had the advantage of an excellent class to start with. Mr. Sung Hon-wing has been an excellent sports master. Mr. Hin King-him has looked after the library and Mr. Tang Chiu-kai has in his unsung way done a lot of good summing work. The three vernacular masters, Messrs. Ng Kan-foon, Ng Wong-to and Man Cheung-ki have also done well.

The average attendance of the school for the past year was 217, one more than the previous year. The health of the staff and the boys was very good. There were some cases of fever among the Shatin boys. In the autumn there was a slight epidemic of influenza.

The medical officer of schools visited the school in March, September and November. Few cases of defective vision were dealt with. Dr. Li Yung-yau again very efficiently treated all minor ailments.

Football and volleyball were very popular. Many friendly matches of football and volleyball have been played with other schools and clubs of the neighbourhood, with varying results. Swimming was indulged in at Lai-chikok instead of Stonecutters. Lai-chikok is more suitable and very safe for beginners.

The annual Athletic Sports were held in King's Park in December. There were several walking picnics on the mainland and one over the Peak to Aberdeen. All the school except Class 4 went to the Agricultural Show. The sports ground in King's Park has had extremely hard wear.

Visitors commented favourably on the tone of the school. I seldom had resource to harsh measures or even harsh words.

The library is well patronised especially by the studiously inclined boys. It is under the control of the prefects and is supplied with papers and periodicals by Messrs. Everett and Son, London.

The school premises were thoroughly renovated by the P.W.D. during the Summer Vacation. The playground needs resurfacing.

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ORGY OF LOOTING.

MISSION HOSPITAL RANSACKED.

FOREIGNERS IN PERIL.

Tainan, Dec. 17.

Letters out of Honan, written just over one month ago, during the days when armies were advancing and retreating, attacking and counter-attacking in the eastern part of the province, have just been received. They show that the whole series has proved a most distressing epic for the miserable people of the districts ravaged for so long by bandit armies and now by the regular armies in their wars. The following portion of a letter written from Kueitoh tells its own story:—"On the 3rd of this month (the letter was written on November 15) the Kuominchun again attacked Kueitoh. Men of Chang Ching-yao's Second Army, in their retreat from the Kueitoh station on the city occupied the hospital of the Canadian Church Mission, situated just north of the city, and defended it against the advancing Kuominchun.

Hospital Looted.

"In the early morning of November 5, the Kuominchun ousted the Ankuochun from the hospital, and before proceeding with their pursuit of their foes, and the attack on the city, they halted to most thoroughly loot the hospital of everything of value, both in the hospital itself, from the residences of the foreign doctors now absent from the scenes of their ordinary labours, and from the Chinese staff, as well as from the very employees of the institution. Not even the poorest escaped the rapacity of these vandals, who presumably, were carrying out retaliatory measures against the hospital for holding them up for such a time. The very best of all the drugs, and the valuable instruments of the hospital were carried off by the medical unit of the Kuominchun. The irony of this treatment of the mission hospital lies in the fact that it had housed the soldiers of the Kuominchun, and ministered to them in their wounds and pain all through the summer and early autumn, and the residences had been asylums of rest for the officers in charge of the earlier operations in that district. Such is the fickleness of the god of war.

"On the evening of November 5, Tu Tuan-chang's men, who had determined to hold the city against the Kuominchun, yielded it to their enemies without a struggle. On the 13th of the month, the Kuominchun again hurriedly retreated from this area, but left a strong contingent to defend the city. For the past two days, the thunder of the heavy guns of the Ankuochun, which now wholly surrounds the city, shakes the earth and awakens heaven's echoes. Day and night the bombardment continues, and even as I write the bullets and other projectiles are falling in our compound, out here in the suburb.

Terrible Distress.

"The sufferings of the people cannot be considered without emotion, and cannot be described without tears. All animals, fuel, provender, food and clothing have been taken by the soldiery. Kueitoh now has been invested for the third time within one month. Each time shells of the very largest calibre have been used, and each time many homes have been wrecked, and many people killed. Before this present siege, both within and without the city the sights were unendurable. Now we dare not stir far from the underground refuges for fear of the falling projectiles. The fighting is of the most intense kind. Our own lives are in the very greatest jeopardy, even as I write, but even if life is left to us, we are all impoverished by the depredations of the Kuominchun.

"Since the beginning of the fighting, our letters have not been free to go, and telegrams may not be sent. We are shut off from the outside world, for we are as much in prison as though we were within the city. No one can anticipate when this carnage will end. We try to take two meals a day in the cellars, but we cannot swallow the food. Our misery cannot be set forth.

This letter was started, and ended here, on November 15, but it was not sent out till the 21st, and a postscript was added, as follows:—"The fighting ceased from yesterday morning, and to-day the gates are open. During the full week's siege, more than one hundred great shells fell on the city. More than one thousand people have been killed."

800 People Killed.

From another correspondent farther down along the border, between Kiangsu and Honan, it is learned that the whole country has been denuded of the things the peasantry needed for the winter, and that death stares hosts of them in the face. This letter made reference of Kueitoh as follows:—"In the recent siege of the

WINE AND TOBACCO SEIZED.

BROUGHT FROM MACAO TO ABERDEEN.

HEAVY FINES IMPOSED.

A seizure of 60 jars (200 gallons) of dutiable Chinese wine and 77 lbs. of Chinese tobacco, of the approximate value of \$200, was made on board fishing junk No. 501S by Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke at Aberdeen Harbour last evening. As a result, Lo Shui-po was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with being in possession of the wine, and with importing and having in his possession the tobacco.

C. P. O. Clarke said in evidence that he received certain information at 6.30 yesterday afternoon as a result of which he went to Aberdeen harbour, where at about seven o'clock, he sighted the boat proceeding from west to east close to Apichau. On boarding the boat, he found the defendant. Witness discovered the wine and tobacco under the deck boards.

Witness questioned the defendant, who said that the goods came from Macao and belonged to his master, Lai Kwong-fa, who was in Hongkong. The defendant, however, either would not or could not find his master. He stated that he had navigated the boat from Macao with the help of one other coolie who had gone ashore. In reply to his Worship, witness said the only two places to which wine could be openly brought were Tai O and Victoria Harbour.

The defendant repeated, his story and added that he was instructed to go back to Macao after delivering the goods.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that it was perfectly clear that the defendant was smuggling the goods into the Colony on behalf of his master.

The defendant replied that he had never been to Hongkong before and did not know the local law. He belonged to Macao. The owner of the boat, he said, was Lai Kwong-fa.

C. P. O. Clarke said the boat had a Stanley licence which bore the name Lai Wa-chor.

Remarking that the defendant was obviously not the principal, Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$500, or three months, on the first charge and \$200, or six weeks, on the second. He also made an order for the confiscation of the boat.

"RESURRECTION."

A POWERFUL FILM.

A powerful, grimly impressive film at present occupies the whole programme at the Queen's Theatre. This is "Resurrection," a remarkably fine picturisation of Tolstoy's novel. Set in Russia, it is the tale of the broken romance of a Prince and a peasant girl, and its appeal lies in the fine acting, the wonderful photographic effects and the fact that the story does not have the conventional happy ending but adheres to the author's conception in this regard.

The leads are taken by Dolores Del Rio and Rod La Rocque, who could scarcely be bettered in the roles. The former is especially impressive. She interprets the part, with all its varying emotions, as a really great artist and brings out all the pathos of the story.

"Resurrection" can be classed amongst the really big films, and although rather tragic in theme throughout, it should please those who prefer realism to "mush." The special musical score provided by the orchestra under Mr. Grovini materially helps in creating the right atmosphere.

city, more than 300 chlen of homes were destroyed, and fully more than 800 were killed, with as many more wounded."

A letter received some weeks ago from the south-eastern portion of the province said that there would be the very severest distress, all through that part, before the winter was over, as the whole country was stripped of all supplies, and that without any remuneration that would make possible the purchase of other supplies, when the troops were recalled from the country. The state of Southern Shantung at the present time perhaps will give some idea of what may be going on in Honan. It is presumed, from the quick summary of reports from some 60 countries in Shantung, and South Chihli, that close on four million of the peasant class perhaps will die of starvation if relief is not soon forthcoming. In this city of Tainan, there are not less than 20,000 refugees now receiving meagre grants from charity.—N. C. Daily News.

HAYLEY MORRIS IN DIVORCE COURT.

WIFE CREATES DIVERSION—THEN FAINTS.

HUSBAND GETS DECREE.

In the Divorce Court, London, recently, the President (Lord Merrivale) and a special jury had before them the petition for divorce of Hayley Eustace Morris, formerly of Pippinford Park, now in Winchester Jail. He sought a decree nisi dissolving his marriage with his wife, Eliza Phyllis Thurston Ward. The co-respondent was Mr. Dudley Woods, Park Lane, London.

Evidence was given in support of the charge that Mrs. Morris and Mr. Woods frequently committed adultery at the Crow's Nest, Pippinford Park, on dates between October 1925 and March 1927. The particular charge referred to the night of March 29, 1927.

Mr. Tyndale, representing the co-respondent, indicated that he would not put Mr. Woods into the witness-box to deny the charge. The only contested issue was that of damages which Mr. Morris claimed against Mr. Woods.

Mr. Herbert Wolfe, for Mrs. Morris, said he would not put her into the witness-box to deny the charges.

Morris had just finished his evidence and stepped down from the witness-box, when Mrs. Hayley Morris rose from her seat at the back of the Court. Raising her hand in the air, she exclaimed, "May I speak—" but before she could go any further she collapsed to the ground in a faint.

Lord Merrivale, addressing the usher, said, "Usher, have that lady removed." She was carried, in a limp and fainting condition, into the corridor.

Case not Free From Difficulties.

His Lordship, in summing up, said the case was not free from difficulties and deserved the careful attention of the jury. The petitioner, as you know, he said, is a man who is undergoing a term of imprisonment of very extreme severity as punishment in relation to young women.

During his imprisonment, his wife has received in his house the co-respondent and has given herself to the co-respondent and committed misconduct on proof which is of the clearest kind, and so the petitioner has cause of complaint, and in due course is entitled to ask that this marriage of his shall be dissolved.

But he is also entitled to come to you and say that co-respondent ought to be made to pay money in respect of this wrong he has committed, and he suggests that co-respondent ought to pay a substantial sum of money.

His Lordship said that damages which might be assessed on account of misconduct varied as much as damages could. There might be domestic relations broken up which destroyed the happiness and the possibilities of the lives of both, or one of the parties, and the jury might have assessed very heavy damages.

On the other hand, there might be a case where the marital relationship was such that nobody would think of assessing real damages. The counsel for the co-respondent, proceeded Lord Merrivale, said that the jury should award only one farthing damages in that case. His Lordship pointed out to the jury that where damages were assessed, it was not at all uncommon for the Court to order that the damages should be applied in other ways.

(Continued on Page 12.)

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 Who was the first English monarch to introduce the crown jewels which has now been restored?
- 2 What famous historical relic has just been sold to a brewer?
- 3 Where is there a war memorial in the shape of a football?
- 4 What great general used two bottles per day of cow de Cologne?
- 5 Is it possible to make artificial rubber?
- 6 Who was Louise de Bettignies?
- 7 What new marvel has been unearthed in Yucatan?
- 8 What is a schism?
- 9 Which is the most overcrowded borough in London?
- 10 What are the indications and significances of those "Atlantic depressions" of which we hear so often in the weather reports?
- 11 Why is it advisable to close all windows during a thunderstorm?
- 12 When and where were the Olympic Games revived, and by whom?

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LOCAL SOCCER.

ARMY AND NAVY IN BIG MATCH.

BOTH TEAMS VERY STRONG.

[By "Wanderer"]

The soccer schedule for the week-end cannot be said to offer room for lengthy debate on which match to grace with one's presence, for the simple reason that, except for three very junior league matches, the charity match between the Army and Navy has the field to itself.

The fixture is one which should prove immensely attractive, for it seems a fair guess that the Army has never had a wider selection of front-rank players to call upon, while the Navy, too, are exceptionally well favoured this season. The Interport Probables XI will testify to the strength of the Navy side, while the following eleven, the Army's representatives, is a remarkably strong combination: Anderson; Hooper; Burns; Everest; Sims; Carswell; Larkin; McNiven; Palford; McGlinchey; and the Rev. Alexander.

The Army-Navy clash is an annual fixture and is played for the benefit of Naval and Military Charities. To-morrow's game should be one of the best matches of this kind ever witnessed in Hongkong.

League Matches.

Three Junior Division "B" matches are down for decision as follows:

Kung Mo v. S. China "A"—Yaumati, 2.30—Mr. Hutchins.
Moslems v. Chinese Ath.—S. China, 4 p.m.—Mr. Lamb.
S. China "B" v. Scouts—S. China, 2.30—Mr. Samy.

Little further interest is attached to the matches in this division of the league, the Chinese Athletic having already placed the championship in their pocket.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

Navy to Provide the Opposition.

I am now able to announce that the opposition to the Interport Probables XI in next Wednesday's Trial Match will be provided by the Navy, probably the same team which upset previous calculations.

Presumably the Probables XI will become the Interport XI if they manage to win in spite of the fact that one or two players have been introduced for the first time. What the Selection Committee will decide upon if the team loses to the Navy, or even if it does no better than last Saturday's team, one is left to speculate.

The Interport team is scheduled to sail about Jan. 16, and Trial matches cannot therefore continue indefinitely.

With reference to Remedios, who had been dropped, it seems that he played on Saturday with a strain, and did himself considerable injury thereby. It is unlikely that he will be fit for football for a fortnight at the earliest.

"Football Fan" writing again to-day, adds the names of the two Chinese backs to the Possible team he suggested yesterday. My correspondent also suggests the following as the Interport team:

Clark; Wynne, Hooper (Queen's); Remedios, Sims, Lam Yuk-ying; Tao Kwai-sing, McNiven, Gosano, Suen Kam-shun and Chan Kwong-ul.

The two backs are just the players I should have selected myself, but the injury to Remedios renders it practically certain that the right-half position will have to be filled by Byers, who will make a third Service man. If Leung Yuk-tong were considered good enough for this position, then the selection of Hooper at back would be much the soundest policy.

The forwards are good but for all McNiven's forcefulness, I am not sure he is the right man in the right place. Wednesday's trial will show clearly enough whether he is likely to fit in.

RESULT OF FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

FOUR SHARE THE PRIZE.

There were again a large number of entries for last week's Football Competition, but no competitor succeeded in correctly forecasting the results of the twelve matches given. The following four contestants gave correct results of eleven of the games, the prize therefore being divided between them:

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"E" Block,
Kennedy Road.
A. Grovini,
Queen's Theatre.
H. E. Gardner,
P. & O. Bank.
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The following sent in ten correct results:—L. Cruz, R. Inglis, D. Kennedy, A. S. Bliss, C. A. Goldenberg, Yip Tung Tak, R. Collaco, M. Gutierrez, R. Wright, J. Pritchard, J. Davies, P. I. Ip, E. L. Vas, L. E. Rosario, R. J. Reed, R. F. Jones, C. Xavier, D. J. Purves, J. J. Patterson, C. A. da Roza, M. Williams, J. M. Luz, A. A. Gutierrez, J. P. Billelos, J. C. Tait, A. Torada, A. Jillett, A. Gosano, Wm. Sayers, R. Lapsley, N. Osman, Tsung Fuk Lin, Fuk Lim, V. Rodrigues, E. Pan, "Jumbo."

If the winners will call at this office, we shall be pleased to hand them their prize-money.
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FANLING GOLF.

RESULT OF MIXED BOGEY COMPETITION.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. S. Dodwell, with a score of 54, won the Fanling Christmas meeting mixed bogey competition. Other scores were: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. P. Taylor, 5 down; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark, 6 down.

The Ladies Championship, to be played at Fanling, is as follows:

Byes: Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Dodwell, Mrs. Lamert, Mrs. Whyte-Smith.

First Round: Mrs. Fleming v. Mrs. Crawford; Mrs. Tottenham v. Mrs. Stevenson.

Byes: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hornell, Mrs. Redmond, Mrs. Murray.

The first round has to be played by January 14, the second by January 28, the third by February 11, the fourth by February 28, and the final on a date (Sunday) to be fixed later.

A Medal competition will be held on the new course at Fanling on Tuesday, January 17, for a prize kindly presented by Mrs. Allan Cameron. From Friday, January 20, to Tuesday, January 24, a Medal competition will take place on the new course at Fanling for prizes kindly presented by Mrs. Whyte-Smith. Conditions for both competitions will be posted later in the various Club houses.

Kowloon Golf.
The bogey pool on the Kowloon Golf Club's course at Kowloon City over the Christmas holidays was won by A. W. Roberts and F. X. Remedios, both 3 down. Other scores were: E. T. Andrews, 2 down; W. Taylor, E. da Roza, and F. E. Remedios, 3 down.

INTERPORT RUGBY.

HONGKONG TEAM FOR SHANGHAI.

Hongkong will shortly send two football teams to Shanghai to engage in Interport matches—a Rugby team and an Association team. Efforts have been made to get a Rugby fifteen together to make the trip, and there is every prospect of a strong side being sent.

The Hongkong Football Club have been making the arrangements, and the following have received invitations:

R. F. Wright (R. A.).
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A. E. Pritchard (A. P. C.).
L. M. S. Lloyd (A. P. C.).
G. F. Richard (Hurst & Co.).
E. W. Bingham (H.M.S. Blackbell).
G. D. Wales (Union Insurance) (Capt.).
G. P. S. Davies (H.M.S. Tamar).
T. L. Foster (Hongkong Electric).
J. H. Dale (H.M.S. Tamar).
F. H. Keeley (Queen's).
W. Beveridge (Hongkong Bank).
F. H. Traves (University).
J. Raltes (Hongkong Bank).
F. Akhurst (Hongkong Electric).
S. M. Garrard (Union Insurance).
B. W. Sampson (Brunner Mond).

It is understood that practically all the above have already signified their acceptance and the side will therefore be strong in all departments.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 31st) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 31st:—

DIVISION I.

Arsenal v. Bury.
Birmingham v. Spurs.
Bolton W. v. Cardiff.

DIVISION II.

Bristol C. v. Notts County.
Chelsea v. Reading.

DIVISION III (SOUTH).

Brentford v. Brighton.
Coventry v. Watford.

DIVISION III (NORTH).

Accrington v. Nelson.
Bradford C. v. Ashington.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen v. Queen's Park.
Boness v. Kilmarnock.
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Aberdeen v. Queen's Park.
Boness v. Kilmarnock.
Motherwell v. Clyde.

MEXICAN SHIP IN PORT.

FIRST FOR MANY YEARS.

An unusual entry in this morning's Harbour Office return was a Mexican vessel, the S. Shin Chik from Shanghai. It is many years since a vessel of this nationality arrived here and it is understood that she is only here for the purpose of docking and refit.

The Shin Chik is owned by the China Pacific Steam Navigation Company, for whom the Wing Lee Co. are acting as local agents. On arrival yesterday, she anchored at Stonecutters and was later taken in hand by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for overhaul.

The latest issue of Lloyd's Register gives no figures for any vessel of this name, and it is therefore presumed that she has been renamed at Shanghai, but no details are available.

She is a vessel of 1,183 net tonnage, and commanded by Captain Johnsen, with a crew of 50 Asiatics.

The Prime Minister has declined to set up a Royal Commission to inquire into the housing of the poorest sections of the working classes in urban areas.

PICNIC MISHAP.

INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF SIX PEOPLE.

The inquiry into the circumstances of the deaths of six passengers of the Sai Kung ferry boat, the Tung Yat Fat, which caught alight during the journey from Sai Kung to Nam Sha Tau on the afternoon of November 27, was continued before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Evidence was given of the search carried out by the Police prior to the departure of the launch from Sai Kung, and during the testimony of an Indian Sergeant and the European officer in charge of the station, both witnesses were closely questioned regarding the instructions issued in connexion with the launch carrying excessive passengers.

It was established yesterday that there were life-buoys on board, although previous witnesses had deposed to the absence of any life-saving apparatus.

The first witness called was Mr. W. S. Lum, civil engineer, residing at No. 4, On Lan Street, who was among the party to board the launch at Saikung. After recounting the incidents already described at the previous hearing by Mr. C. C. Chan, witness said that no complaints were made by the coxswain of the excessive number of passengers on board.

Suggestions Ignored.

After the engine had stopped for the fourth time, witness suggested that the party be landed so that they could walk the remainder of the distance to Nam Sha Tau, where they intended embarking on the Hongkong bound ferry. No heed was taken of the suggestion and later, noting two oars on the boat, witness asked that they be used to row the boat, but he received no reply.

After the boat had stopped a further number of times witness insisted that the boat be rowed ashore and was then told that there were no rowlocks on board.

When the fire broke out witness threw several planks into the water and told the passengers to use them if they jumped overboard. Witness did not see any life-buoys or belts nor did he see any sand used to extinguish the fire.

In reply to Inspector Aris (A.C. I., Kowloon), witness said that the fire started near the engine, smoke being seen coming from the boards which then caught alight.

The next witness called was the owner of the boat who said that at the time of the tragedy he was not in the Colony, he having left Saikung in the morning for Canton.

Referring to the life buoys and belts required by the licence, witness said that there were four life buoys on board when he travelled by the boat in the morning, although there were no belts on the boat. Two of the buoys were on top of the awning while the other two were fastened under the awning. He had never been told by either the Harbour Master or the Government Marine Surveyor that he was required to have any life belts on board.

Coxswain Absconded.

Witness said that as he was away at the time of the accident, he could not account for the absence of the life buoys if there were none on board in the afternoon. Before leaving, witness had given instructions that there were to be only 14 persons carried on the boat at one time.

Questioned by A. C. I. Aris, witness agreed that according to the licence he was the owner, coxswain and engineer. When he left to go to Canton he had engaged a substitute to take charge of the boat during his absence. This man held two certificates and was qualified for the position. Since the accident the substitute had disappeared.

Continuing, witness said that originally the boat was licensed to carry 20 persons, but this number was later reduced to 14. There had never been any complaints of the boat being overcrowded, although he had known it to carry excessive passengers. This was before witness had bought the boat from its previous owner.

Witness said that he returned to the Colony two days after the accident and it was then that he reported the change to the Harbour Office. He did not make a report before going to Canton as it was a Sunday.

Seaman's Evidence.

One of the seamen who was on board at the time of the accident said that the engine had never given any trouble prior to November 27. On that day it had stopped several times during the journey from Saikung to Nam Sha Tau.

Witness said that the passengers wanted to row the boat ashore, but this would have been dangerous as although there was no wind and the sea was calm, a sudden swell

CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

CASE AGAINST CHRISTIE AND BLUMH.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Major C. Willson the case in which James Christie and Christopher Blumh are charged with criminal conspiracy to extort money from a Chinese on an alleged sale of morphia was continued, when L. E. Haynes, the principal witness for the prosecution, concluded his evidence. The case was adjourned until this afternoon when Mr. Gordon Leask, who is defending, will cross-examine Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence is prosecuting.

Haynes' evidence yesterday afternoon was largely a repetition of what he stated against the defendants on the original charge of undertaking to secure and supply morphia.

Witness agreed that he heard Christie deny on oath, when giving evidence on the previous charge, that he had ever mentioned morphia or offered to supply it. He had heard defendant say the interviews were about oil and nothing else. Also that Blumh was the principal and that he (Christie) was acting for Blumh. Christie had also said that he handed \$1,300 to Blumh in Swatow to put into the oil business.

In reply to further questions witness admitted that he had heard Blumh say in evidence that he had never received more than \$300 or \$400 from Christie for the oil business. Blumh had also sworn that only oil was talked about and that he was dealing with Messrs. Thatcher and Co., in Shanghai for oil. Witness was also questioned about evidence given as to Blumh having written three letters to Christie which he signed "Sonsky."

A concert promoted by the "Students of 1927" will be given at St. Stephen's College on Saturday night when the programme will include dances by Miss Capell's pupils, violin solos by Mr. John Baga and a short-Chinese play. The proceeds will be devoted to the new building fund. Over \$1,000 has already been contributed by friends for special tickets.

might easily wash the boat and wreck it on the rocks.

Speaking of the fire, witness said that the carburetor caught alight, setting fire to some of the oil which was under the floor boards. Attempts were made to extinguish the outbreak, but in vain. When the passengers began to jump overboard, the coxswain threw four life buoys into the water.

By means of the buoys and planks some of the passengers managed to reach the shore in safety. The fire burned for about five minutes, when it went out itself. The boat was then rowed ashore and beached. Neither the coxswain nor the second seaman had been seen since.

When asked why he did not report to the Police that there was an excessive number of passengers on board, witness replied that he did not think it was his duty to do so. The seaman who had since disappeared had been smoking during the journey while some of the passengers were also seen smoking.

Searcher's Instructions.
Sergeant McFall, officer in charge of the Sai Kung Police Station, was then called. He said that instructions were given to the Indian Sergeant to search all persons on the launch prior to its departure.

The Coroner: Has the searcher to do nothing else beyond searching the persons of the passengers?

No.

Has he no further instructions than to search for arms and opium?

No.

Continuing witness said that he had travelled by this boat two days before the accident. The engines were then in good condition and gave no trouble. Witness did not particularly notice whether there were any life buoys on board.

A. C. I. Aris: You just told his Worship that the Indian received no other instructions; only searching the passengers?—Do you mean in the case of excessive passengers?

You said he had received no further instructions—I did not know what his Worship meant. In the case of excessive passengers he was not to allow the boat to leave.

Why didn't you say so?

If the last witness said he has never received instructions regarding the passengers, I take it he was not telling the truth?—That's so.

The Coroner: I would point out, however, that the Indian Sergeant said he had received instructions from Sergeant McFall.

This concluded the evidence and his Worship adjourned the inquiry, intimating that he would like to prepare something before finally addressing the jury.

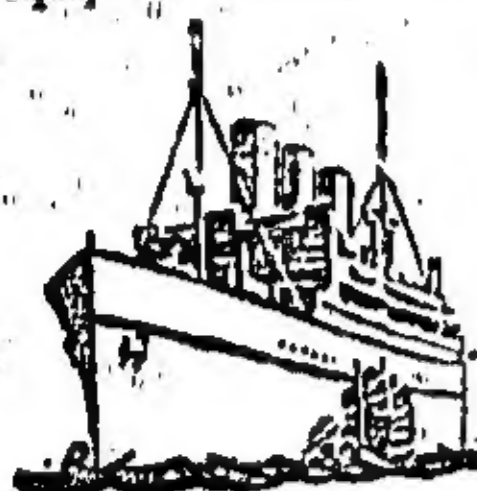
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 310. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, Dec. 30, 1927.

1. Musketry.

Sunday, 8th January, 1928. Reserve Company and Casuals will fire Part II Table T at Stonecutters Range. Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn. Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 6th January, 1928, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 7th January, 1928, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

2. Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have not yet fired Part II. Lists of names are posted on Defence Corps Notice Boards. All such will make arrangements to fire by Sunday, 29th January, 1928, the last day on which Part II will be fired.

3. Peak Range.

Applications for use of Peak Range for the first six months of 1928 should be submitted to the Adjutant immediately.

4. Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 5th January, at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti. All ranks are reminded that Sunday, 15th January, 1928 is allotted to Corp Signals to fire Musketry Part II at Stonecutters Range. This is the last and only opportunity which can be given.

5. Artillery Company.

Thursday, 5th January, 1928. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. for Battery Drill. Dress: Mufti.

6. Mounted Infantry Company.

Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th January, 1928. Dress: Mufti.

7. Armoured Car Company.

Monday, 9th January, 1928 at 5.30 p.m. Mobile Column. Drivers will parade at Corps Headquarters for instruction under 2/Lieut. A. C. Groves.

Motor Cyclists and Armoured Car Gun Team under 2/Lieut. Hancock for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

8. Scottish Company.

Thursday, 5th January, 1928. All Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Vickers Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

9. Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, 6th January, 1928. Dress: Mufti. All ranks are requested to make a special effort to turn up.

10. Promotion.

The following extract from the Hongkong Government Gazette dated 23rd December, 1927, is published for information:—

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the appointment and promotion of Lieutenant Fraser Syme Thomson to the rank of Captain in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the 15th December, 1927."

11. Command.

Captain F. Syme Thomson takes over the command of the Lights Section and Lights Section Cadre, as from 16th December, 1927.

12. Promotions and Appointments. The following promotions and appointments take effect from 29. 12. 27:

No. 9 Platoon.

No. 938 Corp. V. M. Xavier to be Sergeant.

No. 958 L/Cpl. A. A. Remedios to be Corporal.

No. 974 Pte. L. Z. Marques to be L/Corporal.

No. 1172 Pte. A. Garcia to be L/Corporal.

No. 1177 Pte. F. P. Sequeira to be L/Corporal.

No. 10 Platoon.

No. 1122 Pte. C. F. V. Ribeiro to be L/Corporal.

No. 1135 Pte. N. B. Maher to be L/Corporal.

No. 1156 Pte. F. A. M. Rosario to be L/Corporal.

No. 1178 Pte. H. J. Silva to be L/Corporal.

No. 1186 Pte. M. F. Baptista to be L/Corporal.

13. Transfers.

No. 938 Sergt. V. M. Xavier is transferred from No. 9 Platoon to No. 10 Platoon, as from 29. 12. 27.

No. 1185 L/Cpl. M. F. Baptista is transferred from No. 10 Platoon to No. 9 Platoon.

14. Reversion.

No. 935 Sergt. E. A. Remedios, No. 10 Platoon reverts to rank of Private at his own request, as from 29. 12. 27.

15. Sergeants' Mess Committee. There will be a meeting of the Sergeant's Mess Committee at Volunteer Headquarters at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, 5th January, 1928.

16. Leave.

Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M. having rejoined for duty, the unexpired period of his leave is cancelled.

17. Struck Off the Strength. Having left the Colony, as from 14. 11. 27, No. 185 Corporal G. B. Layton, Reserve Company.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.

NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club. The next monthly spoon shoot will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, 8th January, 1928 at 9.30 a.m.



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At the conclusion of his state visit, during which the King of Afghanistan will be the guest of King George at Buckingham Palace in March, the Amir will make an extensive unofficial tour of the industrial areas. He will spend some days in Lancashire visiting cotton mills and iron and steel works.

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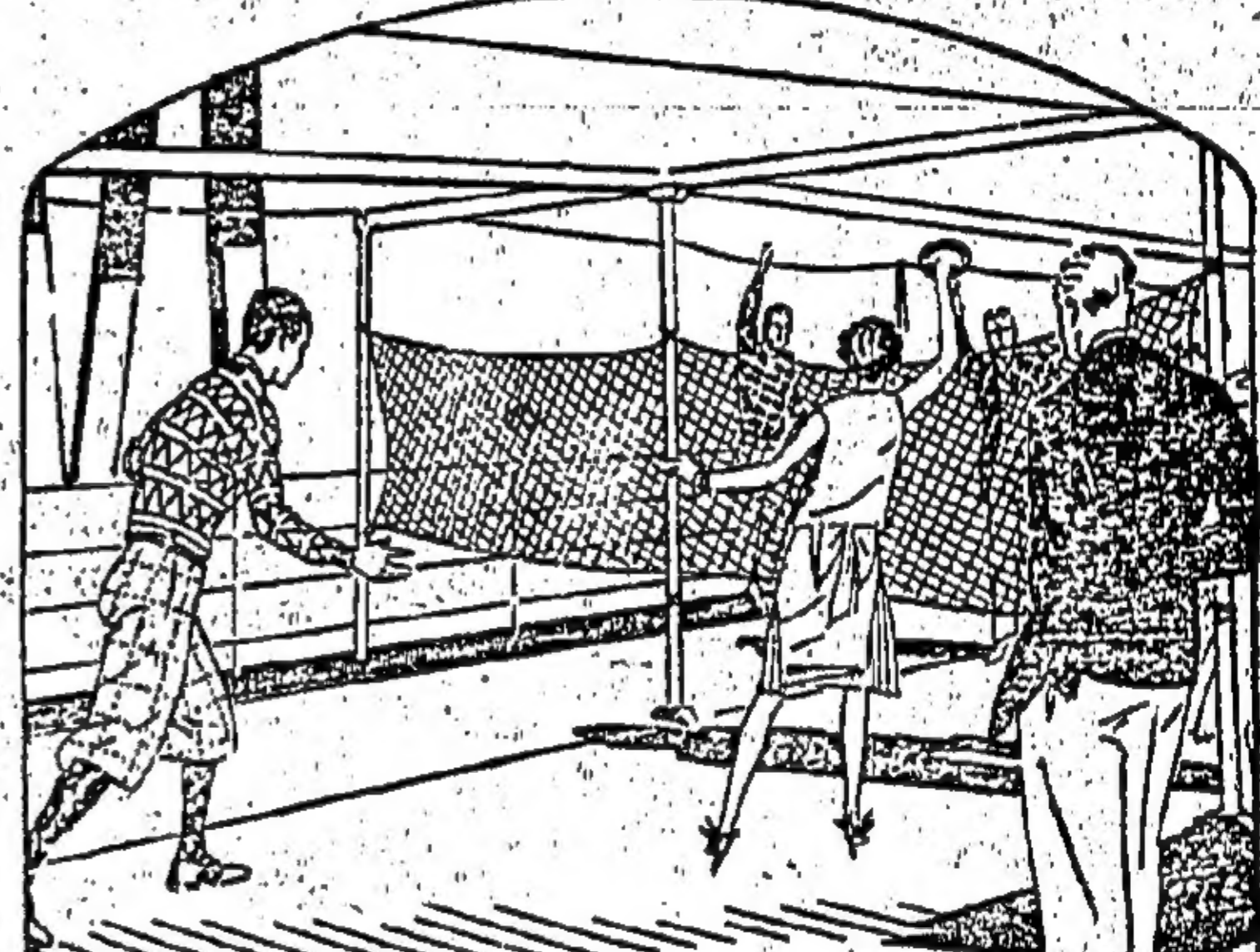
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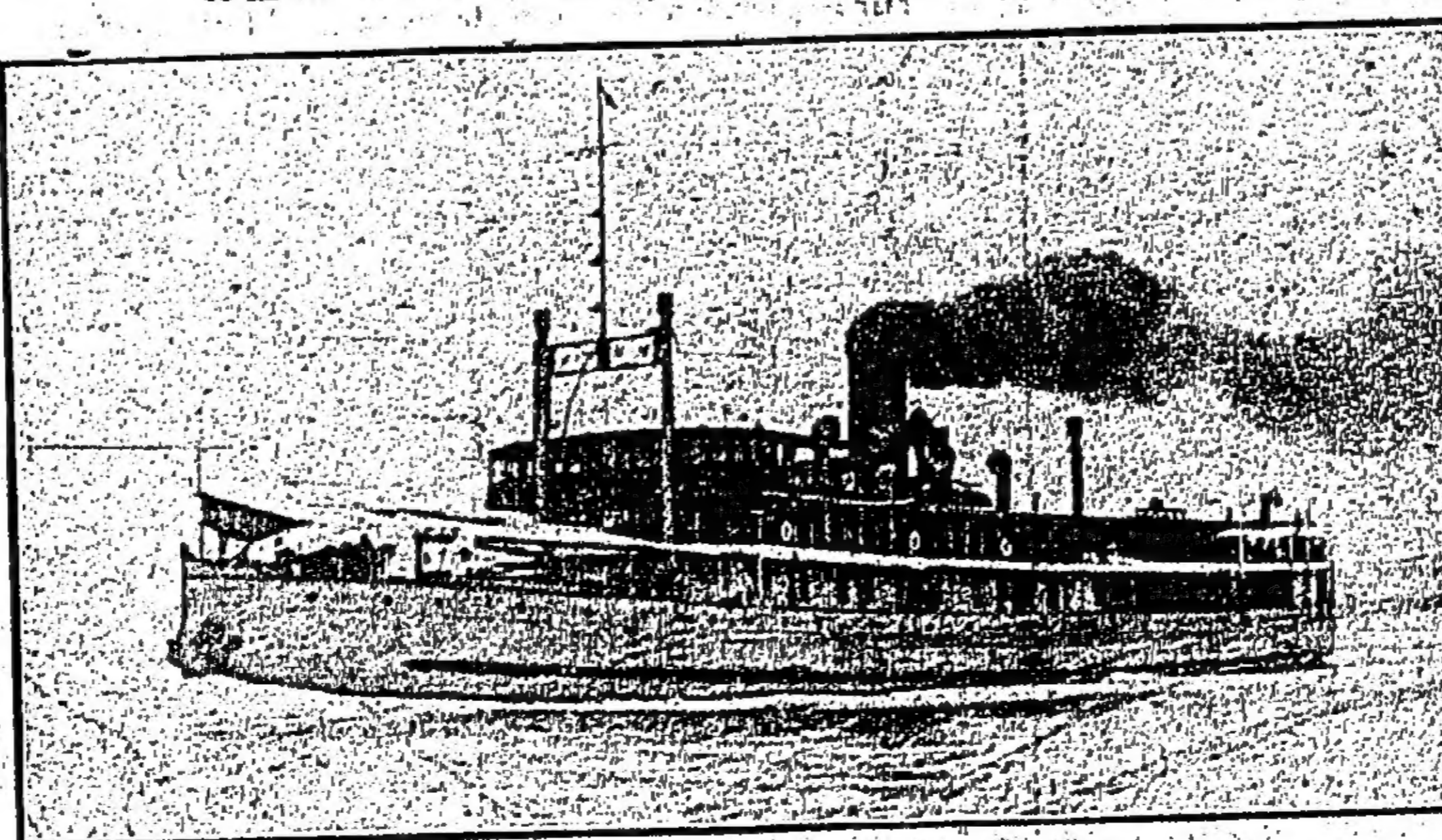
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MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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MALWA	10,986	7th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
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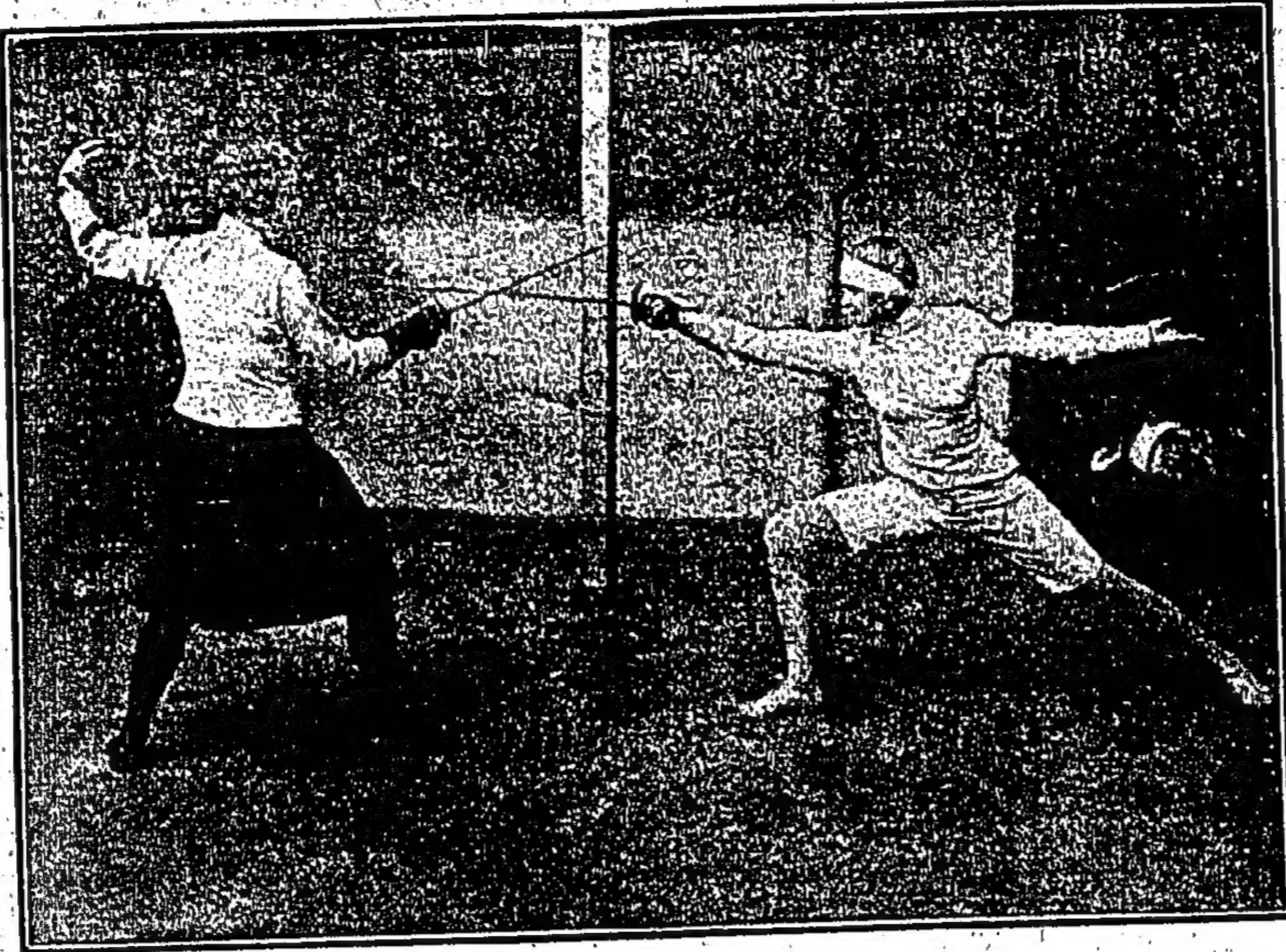
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Fraulein Helen Mayer (right), a 16-year-old German schoolgirl, opposing Mrs. Freeman (England) in the International contest in London for the Alfred Hutton Memorial Challenge Cup.

HAYLEY MORRIS IN
DIVORCE COURT.

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which were not relevant in that case.

The Woman Who is a Treasure.

His Lordship said that what the jury had to do with that evidence was to consider to what extent, in the case of a man of the petitioner's proved character, they could pay attention to it. At any rate, the petitioner and the respondent, his wife, were jointly engaged in that kind of offence, for which the prisoner was suffering imprisonment.

It had been said on the part of the co-respondent that the petitioner was responsible for the degradation to which the woman had been brought, and it was proper that the jury should consider the position of the woman.

When a woman has lived a virtuous life and is a treasure to her husband as a good wife, that is a very serious consideration.

His Lordship went on:—If it is true that this respondent was a woman who, when she first met the petitioner and went to his flat with him, had had relations with various men, she was an immoral woman, and she has been found guilty of conspiring against other women with him.

The petitioner had taken steps to secure that, whatever the past might have been, the respondent, who had become his wife, should at any rate have the possibility of being his wife.

You might take all these considerations into your mind, but, on the other hand, there are considerations which you must not exclude. It is said that to take that woman from him was not to inflict any wrong on him, but he says that he was wronged, that this co-respondent came into his house and took possession of the woman he married.

This woman came to the home to which she had a right, and a right which he recognised, and he had given her and his solicitor power of attorney in his most absolute terms to carry on his affairs while he was serving his sentence. Apparently he provided for her necessities. She had a house and such safeguards as servants gave. She wrote a letter full of affection and expressions of hopes of the possibility of a better life from that in which they had been engaged.

Wife's Letter.

Perhaps the most striking part is found in the concluding sentences. This is what she says of the close, after referring to some letters:—

"I am longing to see you again. The time seems so very long. Somehow I just feel that I would rather be shut away somewhere. Then I would know that you would not worry so much. Please, darling, try to remember that I will do everything you wish, and if I wanted to go anywhere or see anyone it would be only with your approval. You see, dear, I just want to do things that please you and make you feel happy, so if at any time you don't wish me to do anything just say so, because I shall just love doing anything that pleases you."

"I am going to Thomas now to hear just what he thinks, and if you are O.K. Now, darling, cheer up and don't worry. We shall soon be together again—With ever-increasing love, you devoted wife Madeline."

There, followed, added his Lordship, kisses, and the postscript: "Write soon."

This letter, continued his Lordship, came from a woman who had been described by the co-respondent as worthless to a

CHATER PICTURES.

NO PERMANENT REPOSITORY.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton asked:

(1) Have the Government, on behalf of the Colony of Hongkong, recently received a gift of a valuable collection of pictures and prints of Hongkong and the Far East, in accordance with the wishes of the late Sir Catchick Paul Chater, and by the generosity of the American Holy Church of Nazareth at Calcutta?

(2) If yes, what steps are the Government taking to preserve the collection for the Colony of Hongkong, where will the same be housed, and on what conditions, pending the provision of a permanent repository for the same?

(3) Have the Government a scheme for a permanent repository?

The Replies.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (Colonial Secretary) replied as follows:

(1) In the affirmative. The collection comprises paintings and prints to the total of 437, all of great interest to the Colony, and many of historical value.

(2) In the absence of any suitable repository for the whole collection, such of the pictures as could not be given wall-space at Government House, have been distributed to the University and various Government Offices where they will be hung and cared for. Arrangements are in hand for marking each picture with a brass plate engraved with the reference number in the catalogue; and the whole collection will be checked annually.

(3) In the negative.

By 38 votes to 17 Oxford City Council has decided to promote a Parliamentary Bill for the extension of the boundaries, so as to take in the whole of the industrial region round Cowley created by the development of the motor-car industry. Oxfordshire and Berkshire County Councils have already tabulated objections to the scheme, but some of the small townships around have applied to be taken in.

In a month 500 eggs were stolen from boxes landed at Hull and placed in sheds at the Albert Dock to wait railway transit.

man in the unhappy position of the petitioner.

He worthless, she worthless—the co-respondent worthless—all of them involved in one common degradation which makes it a burlesque to come to a Court of Justice and ask for damages for the wrong done to one.

Chance to Go Straight.

If it is true that he tried to keep this woman straight and gave her the chance of going straight, and if she was willing, as her letter says, to take advantage of a new possibility to try to make good, then it is for you to consider whether there has been a wrong done. If a wrong has been done, you have to consider how it should be represented in your verdict.

After the jury had found that adultery had been committed, the president directed that as a technical matter, the decree nisi should not be drawn up, the matter to be mentioned to the Court later.

Hayley Morris, who was in the custody of a warder, left after the jury's verdict had been announced.

YAUMATI SCHOOL
PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

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A store room has been set apart and the use of the premises has been granted to the Yau-mati Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which is composed of old boys.

The Prize List.

Mrs. de Martin then presented the prizes as follows:

Class 4A.—1, Lau Sui Lun; 2, Tai Sam Choi; 3, Li Chung Kan; 4, Chiu Kwan Lam; 5, Yau Ka Yim; 6, Fung Tak Keung.

Class 4B.—1, Lam Wing Sui; 2, Mui Kwan Yan; 3, Fok Wing Cho.

Class 5A.—1, Lau Choi Lu; 2, Li Chiu Yin; 3, Ip Shiu Ming and Chan Kam Chun.

Class 5B.—1, Chong Chung Kai; 2, Chan Kam Wing; 3, To Yung Wing.

Class 6A.—1, Cheung Yam Fat; 2, Fung Chung Kwai; 3, Ng Hon Man; 4, Tseng Sik Lim.

Class 6B.—1, Leung Shiu Pui; 2, Yeung Shiu Cho; 3, Tse Chi Kau.

Class 7A.—1, Ip Kwok Hing; 2, Li Pui Shum; 3, Yim Chi Tsang.

Class 7B.—1, Ip Ho Man; 2, Chan Kwok Shun; 3, Ng Yuk Ki; 4, Li Po Tin.

Class 8.—1, Ting Ping Kwan; 2, Chan U Ho; 3, Wong Ting Hon; 4, Chan Chun Mong; 5, Ho Man Lai.

Special Prizes for Chinese.—Classes 4A, Tai Sam Choi; 4B, Hung Hin Fai; 5A, Lau Choi Lu; 5B, Leung Yim Sang; 6A, Tse Kai Chu; 6B, Tse Chi Kau; 7A, Yim Chi Tsang; 7B, Ip Ho Man; 8, Wong Ting Hon.

At the request of Mrs. de Martin, Mr. Brawn declared the day a holiday.

Congratulations.

In a short speech, Mr. de Martin thanked the school on behalf of his wife and commented upon the excellent work of the students and staff. He congratulated the prize winners and the school on the results of the examinations, remarking that although he had not seen the results of other schools, the top boy of Class 3 was the top of the lot.

Mr. de Martin then went on to refer to the successes achieved by former pupils of the school and mentioned pupils who were now taking courses at the University.

Referring to the report, the speaker said that there was one thing he did not like in the headmaster's speech and that had not been included in the report. There had been no mention of the headmaster himself. After paying a compliment to the work of Mr. Brawn, Mr. de Martin said that the more the staff worked with him the more confidence they had in him.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Henry VIII. 2. The Great Dred of Ware, at Huddersfield. 3. At Worthington, Cumberland. 4. Napoleon. 5. A German chemist is manufacturing synthetic rubber which is declared to be equal to the natural product. 6. French. 7. A French war heroine, whose monument has just been unveiled at Lille. 8. A magnificent temple of warriors with richly sculptured frieze. 9. Finbury, men due of the Alredale type. 10. Indications of a rapidly falling barometer, rapidly rising thermometer, meaning south-westerly winds and rain. 11. Because glass is a non-conductor of electricity, and shuts out the lightning. 12. In 1899, at Athens, by Baron Pierre de Coubertin.



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